

# ***Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Kearney, Nebraska 2005 - 2006 Annual Report***



## ***Helping Youth Live Better Lives***

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*2. FIELD TRIP TO HARVEST MOON*

*3. SETTING FLAGS AT GRAND ISLAND VETERAN'S HOME CEMETERY*

*4. BRYANT/CREIGHTON LIVING UNITS*

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# FACT SHEET

## **Administrative Team**

Tim O'Dea, Administrator  
David Kottich, Assistant Administrator  
Deb Eirich, Business Manager  
Lyle Drieling, Psychologist  
Ron Cox, Psychologist Associate  
Tom Smith, Youth Counselor Supervisor  
Tony Kleidosty, Principal  
Dan Theobald, Training Coordinator  
Steve Reeves, Facility Maintenance Manager  
Mary Wright, Food Service Director  
Richard Wetjen, Recreation Manager  
Marvin Valdois, Religious Coordinator  
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## **YRTC-K Advisory Board**

Donna Bamford - Business Owner, Neighbor  
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## **Annual Budget**

\$8,603,593

## **Number of Staff**

162

## **Average Length of Stay**

6.9 months or 209 days

## **Average Daily Population**

194- this includes youth at HJCD and HSOP  
149- on-campus youth only

## **Per Diem Costs**

\$152.76

# Mission and Affirmations

## Nebraska Health and Human Services System

### MISSION STATEMENT

We help people live better lives through effective  
Health and Human Services.

### OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT

The Nebraska Office of Juvenile Services' mission is to provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment, in a manner consistent with public safety, to those youth committed or referred for evaluation. Furthermore, OJS promotes prevention efforts through the support of programs and services designed to meet the needs of youth identified as being at risk of violating the law or endangering themselves or others. To accomplish this, OJS will offer programs through a balanced delivery system which provides youth the opportunity to become law-abiding and productive citizens.

### YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER- KEARNEY MISSION STATEMENT

THE YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER KEARNEY'S MISSION IS TO  
HELP YOUTH LIVE BETTER LIVES THROUGH EFFECTIVE SERVICES AFFORDING YOUTH  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME LAW-ABIDING AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

## **AFFIRMATIONS RELATED TO YOUTH**

- ⌘ Youth can help others and himself.
- ⌘ Every youth needs to feel valued and cared about.
- ⌘ Youth are capable of change.
- ⌘ Youth are looking for structure. Lack of structure leads to anxiety.
- ⌘ Youth need accountability.
- ⌘ All youth can learn.
- ⌘ Each youth has a constitutional and moral right to be treated fairly.
- ⌘ Youth leaving YRTC-K will show positive value changes.

## **2005/2006 ANNUAL GOALS**

1. To operate the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney in a safe and secure manner that maintains an adequate quality of life for youth as indicated by Performance Based Standards data reports, HHS leadership visits, and other external & internal customers.
2. To provide for and maintain youth rights as determined by the United States and Nebraska Constitutions and Federal and State Laws as indicated by tort claims, lawsuits, or substantiated youth grievances.
3. To operate the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney in an efficient and cost effective manner within the state budget allocation as indicated by monthly and annual budget reports.

# Introduction and Administrator's Message

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney (YRTC-K) was established by the Nebraska State Legislature in 1879 and began receiving young people, both male and female, in July 1881. In 1892, the then Nebraska State Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, became a male-only youth facility with the establishment of the female youth facility in Geneva, Nebraska. The original 320-acre Kearney campus was developed on land donated to the State of Nebraska by the City of Kearney. The State of Nebraska returned nearly 200 acres to the City of Kearney for the development of a city-operated golf course in 1991. On January 1, 1994, the institutional name was changed for the fifth time to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center by the Nebraska Unicameral. YRTC-K also was placed legislatively under the Office of Juvenile Services within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. On January 1, 1997, the Unicameral merged the Office of Juvenile Services with four other State agencies to form the Health and Human Services System. HHSS is the parent agency under which YRTC-K is one of nine 24 hour care facilities including three Regional Centers, three Veterans Homes, one Development Center, and the two YRTC's. YRTC-K is within the HHSS Protection and Safety Division.

YRTC-K youth treatment programming is provided in psychological / social services, problem solving, education, pre-vocational exposure and training, social skills, drug & alcohol assessment / education / treatment, sexual trauma therapy, recreation and religion. Youth under the age of 18 at the time of adjudication are committed for an indeterminate stay and must be released on or before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

YRTC-K programming promotes the restorative justice concept by actively involving youth in numerous community service projects. The youth experience of positively contributing to the community through service work hopefully becomes a viable facet of their adult life. Documentation of youth service is contained throughout the following YRTC-K Annual Program Report.

One highlight of the 2005/2006 year was the awarding of a Beaumont Educational Foundation grant to YRTC-Kearney. This grant included 30 laptop computers, six digital cameras, two carts, two projectors and wireless routers. The youth and staff utilized the technology extensively during the year for a wide variety of projects both on and off campus. The projects are detailed in the school section of this report.

The YRTC-K received 393 youth this year with 321 youth being first time commitments. The daily campus youth count was 149 youth who had an average length of YRTC-K program stay of 209 days. YRTC-K paroled/discharged 400 youth during the fiscal year.

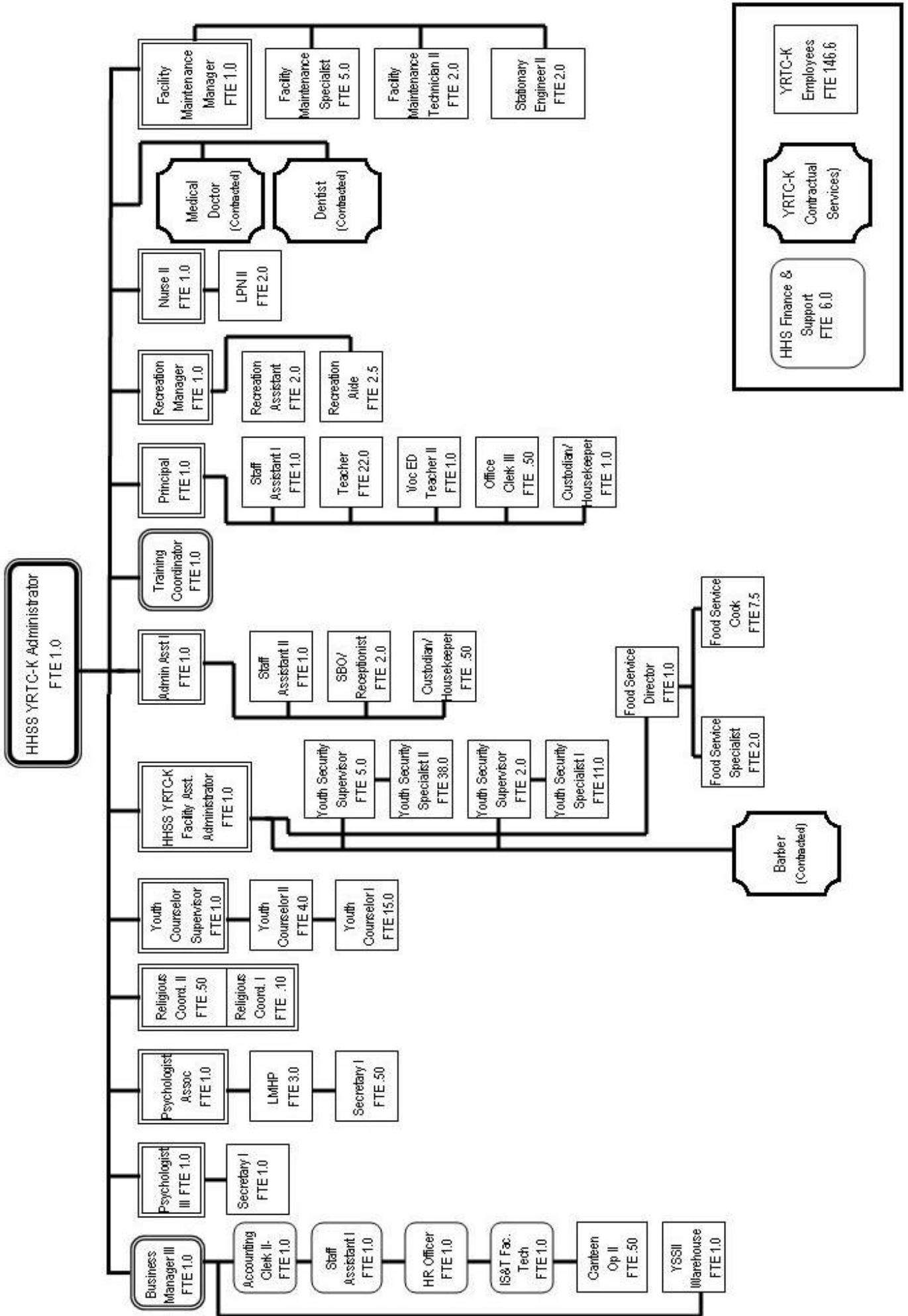
The YRTC-K continued to endorse the Family/Person Centered Practices throughout the youth program. Increased consultation points with the youth's family begins on initial youth call to parent upon YRTC-K arrival, personal calls from youth counselors to parents to consult on youth strengths and needs, regular calls about questions, program progress and for discussion of youth's monthly progress report and installation of and use of video conferencing for family team meetings and family visits with youth. All youth counseling and mental health treatment staff received continuous training in Family/Person Centered Practices and basic values, beliefs and principles.

Campus building and grounds renovation continued with youth outdoor recreation courts replaced and interior office renovation in Dodge building to the Finance and Support area including two conference rooms for family team meetings. Planning also took place for campus wide renovation of electrical distribution system, campus water flow system and internal roadways.



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# Professional Affiliations and Licenses

**West Kearney High School, YRTC-Kearney, is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education as a Special Purpose School and has been for 32 years.**

**West Kearney High School, YRTC-Kearney, is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools & Colleges as an Optional School and has been accredited for 15 years.**

**YRTC-K is inspected and approved for occupancy by the Nebraska State Fire Marshall.**

**YRTC-K's boilers are inspected and licensed by the Nebraska Department of Labor.**

**YRTC-K's cafeteria facilities are inspected and approved by the HHS Regulation & Licensure.**

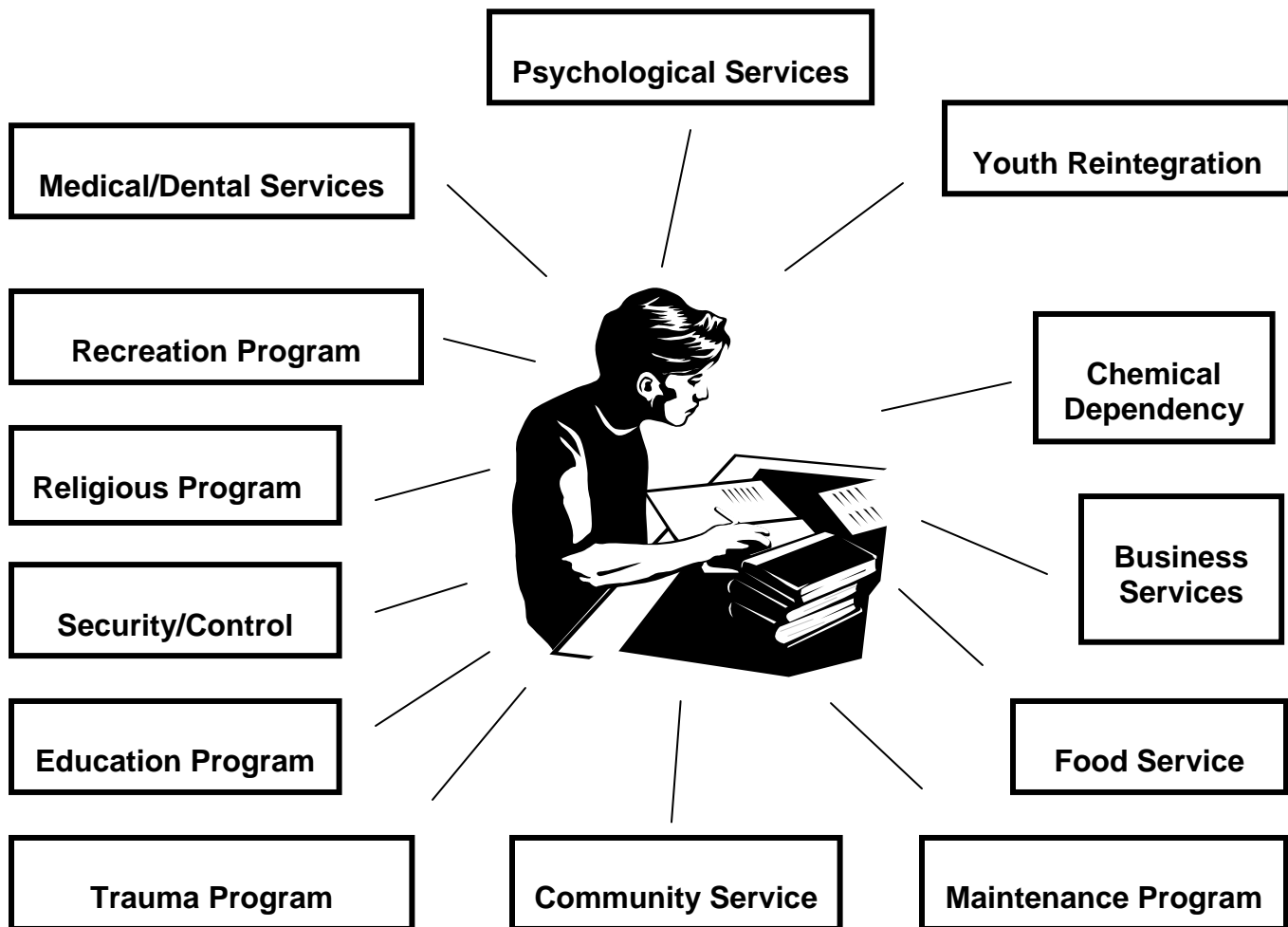
**YRTC-K's swimming pool facility is inspected/approved to operate by HHS Regulation & Licensure.**

**YRTC-K is a member of:**

- ♦ **American Correctional Association (ACA)**
- ♦ **Performance Based Standards Project for Juvenile Facilities sponsored by OJJDP and Council for Juvenile Correctional Administrators**
- ♦ **Western States Training Schools Association**
- ♦ **Correctional Education Association (CEA)**
- ♦ **National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies (NAJCA)**
- ♦ **Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC)**

# Youth Rehabilitation & Treatment Center-Kearney

## Youth Treatment Program Services



# SECURITY AND CONTROL

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Security and Control Department is to maintain custody of each youth while providing a safe and secure environment that enables the youth to make personal and positive behavior and attitude changes while achieving good communication, cooperation and collaboration among security staff supplying excellent customer service with confidence.**

## **STAFF**

The YRTC-K Security and Control Department includes fifty-seven employees. Seven Youth Security Supervisors (YSS or OD's). Thirty-eight Youth Security Specialist II's (YSS II's or Living Unit Staff). Twelve Youth Security Specialist I's (YSS I's or Nightwatch). Five of the YSS or OD's supervise the first (6:00am – 2:00pm) and second shift (2:00pm – 10:00pm) on an alternating basis. Two YSS or OD's supervise the third shift (10:00pm – 6:00am). The thirty-eight YSS II's work alternating first and second shifts determined by work schedules of each of the six living units. The twelve YSS I's work the third shift in the six youth living units. The YRTC-K Administrator, Assistant Administrator and Youth Counselor Supervisor carry a cell phone and are available for all emergency situations. During weekends and holidays, appointed Chief of Staff members are assigned to carry a cell phone for emergency situations. During fiscal year 2005/2006, there was a YSS I position vacated and filled, computing to an 8% turnover rate. Ten YSS II positions were vacated and filled, which computed to a 26% turnover rate. One YSS position was vacated and filled during the year. The total number of 12 security positions vacated and filled computes to a 21% turnover rate within the department.



**Youth Security Supervisor Haarberg**

## **CUSTODY**

The YRTC-K experienced 14 youth escapes during the 2005-2006 fiscal year. This was 3 escapes more than the previous year. A security departmental goal is to keep the number of escapes to 5% or less of the total youth count. The total admissions during 2005/2006 were 393. This computes to 3.6% escape rate, which accomplishes our goal. Two escapes occurred while the youth were on off-ground visits and one while on an on-grounds visit. One escape occurred during an off-campus activity. Ten of the fourteen escapes occurred from the YRTC-K campus. All escapees returning to the YRTC-K received a disciplinary stay in the YRTC-K Security Unit and a 90 day release deferment. The custody of youth is always top priority for all YRTC-K staff.

## **COUNT CHANGES**

During the fiscal year 2005/2006, the YRTC-K experienced 1,617 master count changes. This figure is 121 count changes more than the previous fiscal year. Master count changes include: youth admissions/dismissals, furlough, home visits, court appearances, medical leaves and placements in other programs. The YRTC-K averaged 4.4 youth count changes per day.

### **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

The YRTC-K Disciplinary Committee is comprised of the Assistant Administrator, Youth Counselor Supervisor and Psychologist Associate. This committee held 358 youth disciplinary hearings during the 2005/2006 fiscal year. This amount of hearings was 88 less than the previous year. The hearings were held to decide sanctions for youth who committed major rule violations. Each hearing was preceded by an investigation of the reported violation. Each youth is afforded the right to appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Committee to the YRTC-K Administrator.

The youth violations and number of occurrences included: assault behavior toward other youth (134), destruction of property (66), assault behavior toward staff (25), escapes and attempted escapes (30), contraband (6), positive u/a's and medication abuse (12), sexual misconduct (3) and theft (3). Other inappropriate behavior and number of occurrences which resulted in confinement included: non-compliance to the Youth Treatment Program (22), disobeying a direct order (14), failed the Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program (8), threats, gestures and fighting (8) and mutinous actions (7). Two hundred and seventy nine (279) youth received confinement to the YRTC-K Security Unit for their violations. This number decreased from three hundred and seventy seven (377) the previous year. Sanctions received for rule violations other than confinement included: restitution for damages, release deferments for up to 90 days, Administrative Hold status in confinement for multiple occurrences of the same violation, verbal warnings and referrals to other venues of the Youth Treatment Program.

The YRTC-K experienced 79 staff physical interventions during the 2005/2006 fiscal year. All 79 interventions were procedurally investigated and determined to have been necessary and appropriate.

### **SAFETY, SECURITY AND SANITATION**

Safety, Security and Sanitation inspections were conducted regularly. Administrative staff conducts a weekly building inspection of designated areas. Department heads completed weekly inspections of their assigned buildings. YSS, YSS II and YSS I's did their daily inspections of their work areas each shift. Maintenance personnel were assigned specific building upkeep and available for emergency needs. All deficiencies discovered during inspections were recorded and procedures to correct them were pursued. The YRTC-K Safety, Security and Sanitation committee consists of the Assistant Administrator, Facility Maintenance Manager and YRTC-K Nurse Supervisor. This committee inspected the YRTC-K buildings on a monthly basis and reported their finding directly to the YRTC-K Administrator.

The physical condition of the YRTC-K is considered high priority and good housekeeping procedures are stressed. These procedures enable YRTC-K to supply a positive living and working environment. The youth are responsible for housekeeping duties and are expected to maintain appropriate personal hygiene. During the 2005/2006 fiscal year 1,495 youth signed up to receive haircuts from a contracted barber at the YRTC-K barber shop. Personal hygiene items and toiletries are supplied to new youth and also sold at the YRTC-K canteen for all youth.

### **SUMMARY**

The strength of the YRTC-K Security Department is a capable, well trained staff to implement the Youth Treatment Program. The YRTC-K invested heavily in quality training for new and present employees. The 57 security staff accumulated over 3000 hours of training during the 2005/2006 fiscal year. We strive to acquire the necessary training to maintain the integrity of the YRTC-K program.

**COMMENTS FROM YOUTH AND OTHER DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

**"Professional work with the best interest of youth in mind while implementing treatment." Educator WKHS**

**"The security staff follow security measures well." YRTC-K Food Service employee**

**"With all the changes experienced, they continue to do a great job." Business Office**

**"YSS II's go on off-campus activities and supervise the groups well." YC I Program Department**

**"I think security staff is very aware of what youth are doing at YRTC-K. I think communication is good between staff and pass along important information about youth behavior." Educator WKHS**

**"They take us to movies and have cook outs." D1 youth**

**"They supply us with good choices." D1 youth**

**"The security staff suggest setting good goals." YRTC-K youth**



**YSS II Florang catching up on the log book.**



**Assistant Administrator Kottich**

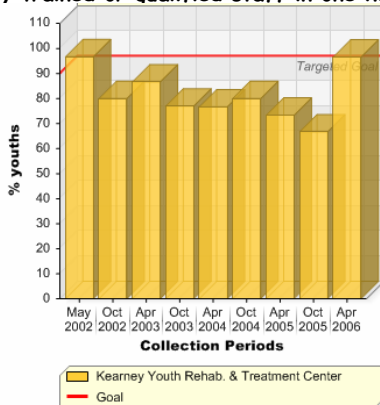
# PERFORMANCE BASED STANDARDS

**Performance-based Standards (PbS)** for Youth Correction and Detention Facilities is a self-improvement and accountability system used in 31 states and the District of Columbia to better the quality of life for youth in custody. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) of the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, called for the development of performance standards in 1995 to improve conditions of confinement at juvenile facilities. Developed and directed by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA), PbS sets national standards for the safety, education, health/mental health services, security, justice and order within facilities and gives agencies the tools to collect data, analyze the results to design improvements, implement change then measure effectiveness with subsequent data collections.

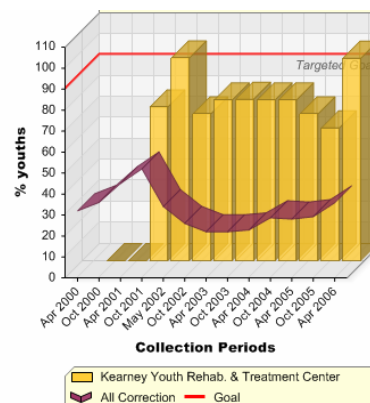
- During the last year Mr. Christiancy (YSSII) has been added to our PbS Performance Improvement Team.
- There were 56 outcomes in Safety, Order, Security, Health, Programming and Justice. We meet or exceed national average in 44 outcomes or 78%.

Below is a Forward Improvement Plan (FIP) that we have successfully closed out by meeting our goal of 90%.

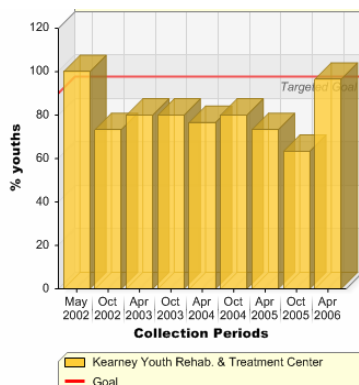
**Percent of youth presented for admission who had a health intake screening completed by trained or qualified staff in one hour or less.**



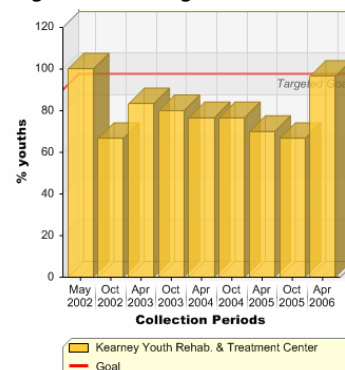
**Percent of youth who had an intake screening completed by trained or qualified staff in one hour or less from time of admission.**



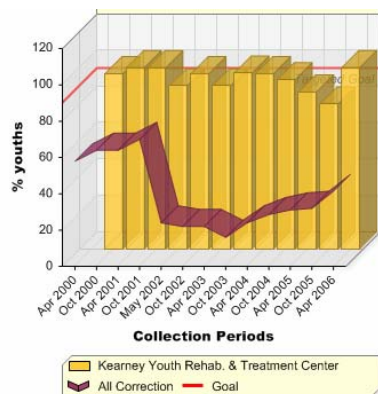
**Percent of youth presented for admission who had a mental health intake screening completed by trained or qualified staff in one hour or less.**



**Percent of youth presented for admission whose intake screening were completed by trained or qualified staff before they were assigned to housing units.**



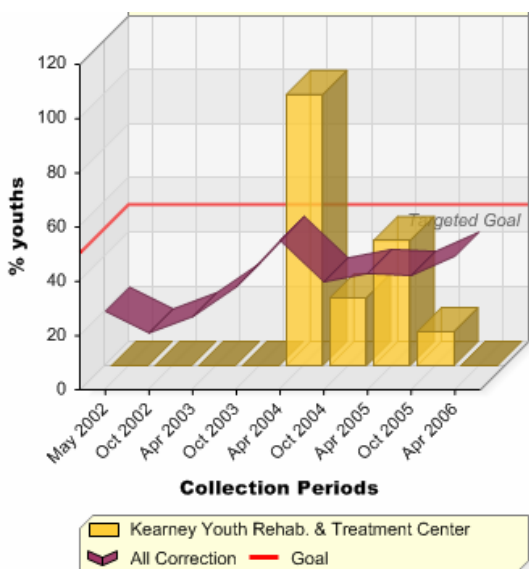
**Percent of youth presented for admission who had a suicide prevention screening completed by trained or qualified staff**



**“Congratulations on such an outstanding set of improvements. If you intend to maintain this FIP then update action steps. You have met your goals and if you wish to close this FIP and address other concerns then go to FIP status and enter your comments.”** John Platt, PbS Consultant, 7/14/06

This is a FIP that we have been working on for some time now. We are now working with central office, hoping that we can find a way to locate this information and more. Once this happens outcomes within reintegration should improve as a whole. In April reporting period there were 16 outcomes measured in reintegration, we had 7 that met or exceeded the National Average.

**Percent of youth whose home has been assessed to determine its suitability for future placement.**



# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## TREATMENT PROGRAM

**The Mission of the YRTC-K group treatment program is to empower each youth to make a value change through a structured process of giving and receiving help where he learns to care for others.**

The following indicates the 3,898 group meetings held last fiscal year. (See Chart A) It also reflects 387 youth assigned to treatment groups by YC I's. (See Chart A). YC II s interviewed and completed 70 PV and Recommitment reports. (See Chart A).

There were 201 youth released during the last fiscal year. These figures reflect youth released via YRTC-K treatment program procedures. (See Chart B).

**CHART A**

Fiscal Year 05/06	Number of Group Meetings	Youth Assigned to Groups	PV & REC Reports
July 05	309	33	6
Aug 05	348	30	4
Sep 05	346	30	9
Oct 05	314	34	7
Nov 05	271	21	2
Dec 05	268	41	11
Jan 06	333	27	2
Feb 06	329	23	5
Mar 06	361	48	11
Apr 06	314	30	2
May 06	347	38	4
Jun 06	358	32	7
TOTAL	3,898	387	70

**CHART B**

FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006	# of Youth Administratively Released due to Overpopulation	# of Youth Released Through Guidelines
July 05	12	12
Aug 05	4	14
Sep 05	7	8
Oct 05	13	7
Nov 05	11	12
Dec 05	7	8
Jan 06	3	10
Feb 06	3	11
Mar 06	9	11
Apr 06	11	10
May 06	9	9
Jun 06	11	13
TOTALS	100	125

\*\*\*Does not include OJS Classification releases, HJCD releases and HJSOP



## **YCI & II's CONTACTS**

YCI & II's made 3,970 contacts with parents through face to face meetings, mail and phone calls. They made 5,613 contacts with JSO's through face to face meetings, mail and phone calls. There were 44 contacts made with Guardian Ad Litem and 56 contacts with the Foster Care Review Board. YCI & II's conducted 15,089 individual counseling sessions with YRTC-K youth.

## **TRAINING**

During the past fiscal year YCII Tim Jorgensen attended 6 meetings of the Central Nebraska Gang Intelligence Association in Grand Island, NE. YCI Van Matre and Krolikowski have attended 4 meetings.

YCI's and YCII's attended 10 Youth Counselor training sessions covering a wide array of training subjects during the year.

All YCI's and II's completed Family Center Practice training during the month of June 2006.

YCI's Dave White and Scott Casper attended the NJJA conference in Grand Island on 5-4-06 .

Dan Theobald and Tom Smith conducted training on YRTC-K Youth Treatment Program for the Central Service Area JSO's in January of 2006.

During March of 2006 all Youth Counselors attended a full day of training. A variety of training subjects were covered.

Drug and Alcohol training was completed by all YCI's and II's given by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Center.

## **OTHER**

YCI's Rodriguez and Stroud with Morton group I and Washington group II completed eleven work projects at the Grand Island Veterans Home. They also interacted with the residents there.

## **HOLIDAY FURLONGHS**

Seventy three youth had a holiday furlough. Seventy youth had successful furloughs. One returning youth tested positive for drugs. Eighty one youth remained on campus for the holidays. All youth received holiday gifts from home or from staff and Santa. Many activities were planned by YRTC staff which help youth get through the holiday season.

## **QUOTES**

**"My son was much more respectful. He seems to have more confidence. Thank you for what you all have done for him."** Mother's comment from holiday furlough

**"Thank you for helping WCNHBA and the Kearney Area for Humanity reach our goal of building two homes in five days during the BLITZ BUILD."** A1 and staff helped with this project. Roy Meussch President of West Central Nebraska Home Builders Association

Question: What was the best thing the facility did to get you ready for your next placement or home. Youth response: **"this facility did not give up, or leave me alone they kept consistent."** Performance-based standards comment

# Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Kearney, Nebraska 2005/2006 Attitudinal Survey Results

QUESTION	IDEAL ANSWER	PRE-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	POST-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT
1. I have important things to say to others.	Strongly Agree = 4	3.11	3.55	0.44
2. I can tell people how I feel.	Strongly Agree = 4	3.15	3.52	0.37
3. I have control over what problems I show.	Strongly Agree = 4	3.25	3.73	0.48
4. I sometimes wonder if my friends are really my friends.	Strongly Agree = 4	2.61	2.88	0.27
5. I feel things would go better in my life if people would stop picking on me.	Strongly Disagree = 4	3.03	3.19	0.16
6. I feel safe when I'm locked up.	Strongly Disagree = 4	3.06	2.91	-0.15
7. I feel I can be honest with my family.	Strongly Agree = 4	3.53	3.71	0.18
8. If I want something, all I need to do is take it.	Strongly Disagree = 4	3.37	3.59	0.22
9. What I do has little effect on others.	Strongly Disagree = 4	3.09	3.33	0.24
10. When I get home things will be the same for me as they always were.	Strongly Disagree = 4	3.39	3.58	0.19

## **Total Average Scores and Net Average Attitude Adjustment**

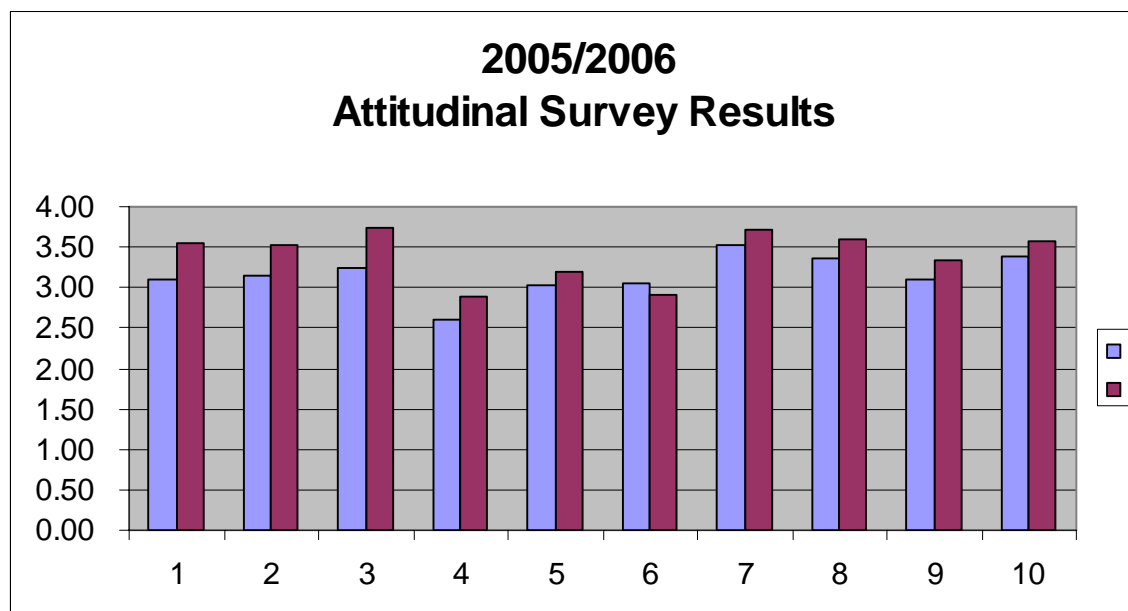
**31.59**

**33.99**

**2.40**

201 youth completed the pre and post tests

Average time between pre and post tests = 216 days



# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## ORIENTATION AND CLASSIFICATION

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Orientation and Classification program is to facilitate each new youth's successful entry into the YRTC-K Youth Treatment Program and provide accurate, valid, and timely information to properly classify each youth to enable them to live better lives.**

Psychologist Associate Cox completed classification studies on 321 new YRTC commitments for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory replaced the previous Office of Juvenile Services risk assessment tool on 5/15/06. The process of incorporating the YLS into the classification process is ongoing and will continue during the 06-07 fiscal year.

Having adequate information to assess each new YRTC commitment continues to be a periodic problem. Having an OJS evaluation done within a calendar year of YRTC commitment is not being mandated in all Nebraska counties. Accessing JSO information on state wards is improving in some areas of the state and hopefully the anticipated use of NFOCUS will offer continued improvement.

The OJS Administrator's effort to have Douglas County commitments transported to YRTC as they are committed rather than as a group is having a positive effect on the orientation unit. Groups of two or three new youth provide a better chance of a positive transition through orientation to the Youth Treatment Program than the previous larger groups of Douglas County youth.

During the fiscal year, 19 youth were granted parole/discharge early following classification at OJS risk level three. Out of those, six were from Douglas County and nine from Lancaster County. The majority of these youth were over the age of 18. Youth parole/discharge and transfer to satellite programming at the Hastings Regional Center continues to be a key factor in maintaining the OJS mandate of keeping the YRTC campus population at 150.



**Dickson Living Unit**

# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Psychological Services program is to communicate information pertaining to each youth's cognitive and emotional functioning which has implications for his treatment and placement planning enabling each youth to become a law-abiding and productive citizen.**

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program completed individual clinical interviews/evaluations and file reviews with written Psychological Update reports for 336 youth prior to classification during the 2005/2006 service year. This included extended reports with DSM-IV supplements for 135 youth being considered for transfer to the Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program provided comprehensive reports including clinical interviews, mental status updates and formal/informal assessments with DSM diagnostic supplements for 5 youth being considered for placement in follow-up residential treatment or other parole services. Applications and reviews related to youth eligibility were accomplished as necessary.

YRTC-K Psychologist Drieling conducted interviews/evaluations, observations, status reviews and reports for 10 youth referred due to threats/gestures of self-endangerment or other crisis issues.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program provided pertinent records, current Psychological Updates and consultation for 61 youth and completed follow-up mental health evaluations with reports for 6 youth at the request of YRTC-K Health Services.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program completed a total of 357 clinical evaluations with reports and 57 cognitive evaluations during the 2005/06 service year.

EAP referral information was provided upon request and EAP information was periodically disseminated to staff .

Dr. Drieling participated in professional development activities addressing YRTC-K program needs and completed continuing education toward HHS Psychology licensure renewal.

# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM

The Mission of the YRTC-K Chemical Dependency program is to provide each youth with effective assessment, education, and treatment for substance abuse services to assist youth to live better lives.

### **ASSESSMENTS**

A total of 393 youth were committed to YRTC-K with the Chemical Dependency Program staff completing 275 youth assessments for substance abuse issues during 2005/06. The remaining 118 youth were assessed at other facilities. The level of risk determined by staff for youth committed to YRTC-K is as follows:

Level of Risk	Youth Number
High	343
Medium	37
Low	13

The CD staff also had a 42% response rate for the YRTC-K family survey sent in regard to the youth's use of chemicals.

### **GROUPS AND CLASSES**

The Chemical Dependency (CD) Program staff completed 438 group therapy sessions in 2005/06. This allowed 43 youth to receive chemical dependency assistance, which would be on the stabilization level of care. These sessions assisted youth in preparing for continued community treatment either at inpatient or outpatient levels. All of the youth that completed the Chemical Dependency groups were referred for follow-up services upon their YRTC-K release.

The CD education component provided 317 classes with an average of 10 youth per class. The pre/post test data showed a 9% average increase in positive knowledge gained within these classes.

### **FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT**

There were 167 youth referred for follow-up care by CD staff to outpatient treatment throughout the state. Services and levels of care were discussed with the youth's JSO. These services included long-term and short-term treatment, residential treatment, half-way homes, intensive outpatient care, community support groups, drug/alcohol U/A screening instruments, and Treatment Group Homes.

## **HASTINGS JUVENILE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM (HJCD)**

The purpose of the HJCD program is to provide YRTC-K youth with a long-term residential level of care. The youth must meet the following guidelines to qualify to transfer to HJCD. This includes: (1) Must be committed to YRTC-K (2) Must have a diagnosis of dependency as a primary diagnosis (3) Must be above the age of 13 (4) Must have attempted previous treatment interventions.

The number of YRTC-K youth actually transferred to HJCD were:

Fiscal Year	Youth Transfers
1999/00	41
2000/01	68
2001/02	59
2002/03	73
2003/04	115
2004/05	124
2005/06	126

## **SUMMARY**

Our statistics continue to reflect the seriousness of drug/alcohol use among youth committed to YRTC-K. Chemical Dependency staff continually look for updated materials for the educational component. Staff also provide training to YRTC-K staff to keep them informed. Chemical Dependency staff continue to receive the necessary training required by YRTC-K, as well as attending workshops and seminars in order to achieve CEU's necessary to maintain their LMHP and LADC certificates.



**Chemical Dependency Secretary Johnson**



**LMHP II Markussen**

# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## TRAUMA

The Mission of the YRTC-K Trauma Program is to provide therapy services which will assist youth with developing a set of personal beliefs, thoughts and actions that will enhance their ability to effectively manage their trauma experience, to reduce their risk for re-offending and/or for being re-victimized and to ultimately improve the quality of their lives.

### YRTC-K Trauma Program Staff

The Trauma Program is staffed by a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.

### YRTC-K Trauma Program Referrals for 2005/2006:

Trauma Program Referrals originate from various sources within the facility. Sixty three percent of all referrals originate from the Associate Psychologist and were generated within the first week or two of the youth's arrival. Twenty three percent of referrals were generated by the facility Administrator, Psychologist and Youth Counselors, and the remaining 14% were automatically screened out by Trauma Staff and re-interviewed due to their previous involvement in the YRTC-K Trauma Program. A referral is initiated for any youth at any point in time during their stay whenever a potential need for Trauma Therapy Services is suspected or revealed.

#### **Referral Statistics**

Victims	21
Perpetrators	4
Victim/Perpetrators	7
PTSD, Active & Disruptive	20
Trauma Program Criteria not met (also includes youth to HJCD & discharged)	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

### PROGRAMMING:

Trauma Program Services are individualized to meet the specific needs of each identified youth. An in depth interview with the youth as well as a thorough review of the youth's history through research of available file information provides a guideline for determining when services will best serve this youth. Additional information, as it becomes available, is also utilized for the purpose of this ongoing assessment of needs. Goals and interventions are individualized for each youth and integrated into the youth's Individual Treatment Plan (ITP).

**The following Treatment Program options are available to meet the needs of identified youth:**

#### **Individual Therapy:**

This consists of one hour weekly counseling sessions for those individuals who need to address issues related to unresolved physical, emotional & sexual abuse, trauma, sexual perpetration, poor boundaries, unresolved grief and unstable mental health conditions.

**Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Individual Therapy:**

This consists of one hour weekly sessions for youth who are experiencing symptoms of PTSD secondary to childhood experiences of significant and debilitating abuse causing considerable impairment and interference with their ability to adapt successfully to their social environment and responsibilities.

**Sexual Offender Risk Assessments:**

A comprehensive assessment is completed to determine a youth's current level of risk for sexual re-offending. This determination is most often a vital and key component relevant to issues of placement for a youth who has a history of sexually offending upon others.

**Trauma Psycho-Educational Therapy:**

There is a variety of educational resource material that is utilized with youth in both group and individual therapy for the purpose of enhancing the learning process by accommodating all of the various learning styles that these youth engage in. Learning materials in the form of videos, books/booklets, pamphlets, handouts and packets are available. Experiential learning processes occur with expressive drawing, role-playing and family sculpturing.

**The following Treatment Program Options for youth were added this year and include:****The Boys & Girls Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program at HRC in Hastings (B&G HJSOP):**

This is a 10-15 bed long-term sex offender treatment program for youth who are identified as high-risk sex offenders. These youth are first committed to YRTC-K and then screened and identified for this program. A sexual risk assessment is then completed by the HJSOP Therapist and the youth is transferred to the program once they have completed the Classification process. The program first opened and began accepting youth on April 10, 2006 with seven youth having been transferred into this program.

**Mental Health Consultations per Psychiatrist Dr. Susan Howard:**

Youth who are identified with mental health conditions that require assessment for treatment, intervention, and/or stabilization are referred to Dr. Howard who will complete an individual medical psychiatric consultation/evaluation for each identified youth. These consultations take place on the YRTC-K campus, with the first consultations taking place on February 27, 2006. A total of 14 youth have received these services.

**Youth Program Involvement Statistics for 2005/2006:**

Individual Therapy	65
Mental Health Status Evaluations	5
Sex Offender High-Risk Assessments	9
Magellan Applications for SO Treatment	5
New Abuse Reports called to Abuse Hotline	8
Psychiatric Consults done per Dr. Howard	<u>13</u>
	105

**Trauma Program Treatment Hours Completed:**

➤ Total Individual Therapy Hours:	890
➤ Average Individual Therapy Hours per youth	14



**Adolescent Sexual Information Scale Pre and Post Test Tool:**

This is a therapeutic tool utilized with all youth that receive Trauma Program services. A pretest score is obtained on each youth to determine level and severity of sexual thinking errors. This information is also utilized in determining specific educational needs for youth, related to sexual boundaries and behaviors. A post test score is then obtained from each youth as they near completion of the program. This score is obtained from each youth as they near completion of the program. This score is obtained by administering the same test that was utilized for pretest purposes. A comparison of the pre and post test scores are then conducted to determine whether or not (and to what degree) the youth's sexual thinking errors were decreased. A decrease in score, means improvement with the youth's thinking (healthier sexual attitudes and beliefs). This information is also an important consideration factor when determining the youth's aftercare needs and recommendations. The following scores were obtained:

<b>Pre and Post Test Score Averages:</b>	<b><u>Pretest Scores</u></b>	<b><u>Post test Scores</u></b>	<b><u>Overall Decrease</u></b>
➤ <b>Victim</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>29.62</b>	<b>7.88</b>
➤ <b>Perpetrator</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>
➤ <b>Victim/Perpetrator</b>	<b>39.60</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>10.60</b>

**Trauma Program Recidivism:**

Nine youth that had previously completed the Trauma Program were recommitted to YRTC-K. Two of these youth returned as parole violators, while the other seven returned as recommitments. One of these youth had been previously identified as a perpetrator/victim, three youth had been victims and five youth had worked on PTSD issues. Of these nine youth, none had relapsed by re-perpetrating or by being re-victimized.

**CONCLUSION:**

Significant numbers of youth continue to be positively served through YRTC-K's Trauma Program services. The Trauma Program continues to provide a vital service for youth that have been negatively affected by traumatic events they have experienced. These events impacted their lives in ways that have encouraged maladaptive methods of coping, thinking and acting. Values, beliefs and attitudes become distorted and propel youth down a life path filled with pain and destruction. Trauma Program services, in conjunction with YRTC-K's Youth Treatment Program, serves to provide them with ability to alter this path and to lead themselves toward a new destination that will provide them with new opportunities to experience personal success. The Trauma Program has also added services that help with the identification and coordination of treatment and intervention for youth with mental health and high-risk sex offender specific treatment.



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# EDUCATION

**The Mission of YRTC-K's West Kearney High School is to provide each youth an environment to promote improved self-concept and awareness of himself and his surroundings, allowing him to develop academic and social skills strengthened through communication, cooperation, collaboration, customer service, and confidence that help youth have a better life.**

The 2005-2006 West Kearney High School (WKHS) academic year was productive for students and staff. WKHS continued as an accredited Special Purpose school through the Nebraska State Board of Education and an accredited optional school through the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. WKHS is also an institutional member of the Correctional Education Association. The school's staff, 23 teachers and school principal, all hold professional certificates from the Nebraska Department of Education. This school year the staff authored over 428 Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) and Education Plans. Our average daily student membership was 167 students.

## **GED/GRADUATES**

Thirty-one (31) students earned their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED) through a cooperative effort with Central Community College (CCC).

There were nine (9) GED graduations and four (4) high school graduations. Parents of the graduates were invited and 42 were in attendance. YRTC-K staff were also present.

## **BASIC EDUCATION**

WKHS Basic Education teachers administered 297 Woodcock-Johnson Achievement pre-tests to students. The Basic Ed teachers use the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Revised. Ninety-seven (97) post Woodcock-Johnson tests were administered by the WKHS staff. These post-tests were added to our on-going longitudinal student database. The 1,806 student scores in the study indicate an 8.5 grade equivalency in reading and a 9.1 grade equivalency in math. The students in this post study average length of stay is 8.6 months. The students were enrolled more than four months and had not earned a high school degree or GED during their commitment.



**YRTC-K youth receiving his WKHS diploma**

## **TITLE I**

The WKHS Title I Neglected/Delinquent (N/D) project continued as a strong program component and served 232 students. These students demonstrated an average gain of 1.1 years in reading and 1.3 in math. The students also earned an average of 5.9 high school credits toward their high school diplomas. More importantly, the student's Self Concept and Attitude as a Learner (SCAL) showed an improvement of 10.89 and the Attitude Toward School Survey (ATSS)

improved 10.38 points. Ms. Lyon, Title I teacher, and Mr. Kleidosty, Principal, continued to serve on the NDE Title N/D State Practitioners Committee.

The West Kearney High School Title I Parent Advisory meeting was held October 7, 2005. Parents of 9 students attended the meeting. The students were able to visit with their parents on the day of the conference. Parent/teacher conferences were held in the afternoon.

Overall, the Basic Education component continues as the core of the academic program. The Basic Ed program/staff received excellent support from: Title I, Art, Math lab, Reading lab, Speech Path lab, Media Center, Family/Life Skills, Career Education, Health and Industrial Technology. The academic IEP is a component of each student's Individual Treatment Plan (ITP). The Basic Ed teachers serve as the lead staff on all student academic planning. Basic Ed teachers conducted five 5 MDT/IEP conferences with parents this past year.

### **SPEECH LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

The Speech and Language program again proved to be a vital part of the student's total education program. There were 77 students referred to the Speech and Language Lab. There were 74 students tested with 66 students receiving services.

### **SCHOOL PROJECTS/SERVICES**

WKHS students and staff developed and participated in many fine projects throughout the year.

- Mr. Witte's class participated in a monthly collecting/recycling of paper.
- There were 434 individual student vocational interviews and 434 Ansel Caseys were completed by the students during their interviews. These were given by the Career Education teacher, Mrs. Smith. Thirty-three students were administered the ASVAB test and results distributed.
- Art projects included Norris Chee, Navaho painter, as Artist in Residency. Upon Mr. Chee's completion, the students hosted a celebration for him. Iron casting was another project the students completed along with attended MONA tours and story-telling workshops. Student art is regularly displayed in the school hall.
- A variety of guest speakers presented information to the students on the opportunities available to them for their future goals. Among the speakers was Mr. Dibbern from the Creative Eye Presentation and his topic concerned graphic art careers. Mrs. Smith also took the youth on field trips to observe firsthand some of the employment that would be obtainable, i.e.: Central Community College, Work Force Development, Career Opportunity Fair and Graphic Art Careers.
- Mr. Schmidt's students restored 32 bicycles for the Christmas Goodfellows and the Kearney Jubilee Center.



**Mr. Chee instructing D1 on an art project**

- D1 students made decorations and displayed a Christmas tree at Trails and Rails Museum led by Mr. Myers, Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Bokenkamp.
- Youth groups under the direction of Mrs. Divan and Mrs. Lyon cut denim squares from used blue jeans. The squares were to aid a local Kearney area quilter's guild to make almost 70 quilts to help those in need within the local community.
- Mr. Gress' building trades and woodworking classes helped twice at Habitat for Humanity and the Trails and Rails Museum.
- Fourteen youth groups attended workshops and work projects at Rowe Sanctuary.
- On five occasions Lincoln groups spent time at care homes and the Senior Center participating in recreation activities, work projects and holiday activities. These were led by Mrs. Davis, Ms. Harden, Ms. Jameson and Mrs. Bokenkamp. They also attended a 5-hour class on "Pioneer Living" then cooked stew on a wood-burning stove, made homemade butter, shelled and ground corn to make cornbread, jelly from corn cobs, homemade dipping candles and cleaned up after pumping their own water. One of the students remarked, **"I didn't know that people worked so hard. It was a fun day, but I wouldn't like to live like that."**



Youth learning "pioneer living"

- Thirty-five students attended Kearney Community Theatre by attending three plays this past year, "Godspell", "Dracula", and "Nunsense." This was coordinated by Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Jameson.
- IS&T provided (69) network computers for the students with the assistance of Mrs. Divan and Ms. Jarecki.
- One UNK observation student had this to say about her duties at WKHS, **"Teaching here in the United States and in particular West Kearney High School, is a lot like teaching in Japan. The students and their learning styles are the same. The techniques and approaches to teaching are less structured and rigid here as compared to classrooms in Japan."**

Mrs. Emrick, WKHS Staff Assistant I, monitors the West Kearney High School web site. The teachers are responsible for their individual subject area and are linked to the home page. This page has been linked to Nebraska HHS System-Juvenile Services and Nebraska Optional Schools-NCA. This can be viewed at <http://userweb.esu10.org/~westkrny@esu10.org/wkhshome.htm>

## **AWARDS**

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, four teachers were recognized during the Employee Service Awards ceremony in Grand Island. Mr. Murphy was recognized for 20 years of service. Mrs. Bower-Hansen was recognized for 15 years of service. Ms. Lyon and Mrs. Emrick were recognized for 10 years of service. While Mrs. Betty Jane Bower-Hansen was on active military duty in Iraq, Mr. John Ross substituted for her basic education classes. Speech Pathologist, Mrs. Rebecca May, resigned June 9, 2006 after four years of service.

## **STAFF TRAINING**

WKHS staff participated in on/off campus staff development training totaling over 1000 hours. In addition to HHS/OJS mandatory training (First Aid, CPR, CPI, HIPPA, AIDS, etc.) some of the conferences/topics were: Nebraska Education Tech Conference; Nebraska Education Media Association; Nebraska Library Commission training; technology education; language impaired youth; special education updates and student strengths; GED math and writing, Fire Training, Foundations for Literacy, Reading Comprehension, HIV workshop.

When asked what they like best at WKHS, a teacher stated, **"I like being able to teach here because students seem to be appreciative when the staff take an active part in their education and help them to accomplish something."**

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

The Nebraska Department of Education school accreditation process continued this year. The WKHS single target goal is, "All students will demonstrate improvement in social skills". These basic interpersonal social competencies allow students to initiate and maintain positive relationships with others. Mastering basic social skills give WKHS students a better chance of success in society (family, school, work and the community) and result in an improved self-concept.

Social skill topics enable the most basic of social behavioral expectations (respectful verbal and non-verbal communication as opposed to cussing, yelling, poor hygiene or offensive use of body space, etc.); simple conversational skills (greeting or introducing people, conducting a conversation, listening skill, etc.); application of skills to relationships (family, friends, on the job, etc.); and application to problem solving (including decision making, anger control and conflict resolution). WKHS has administered over 2323 Social Skills pre/post tests to students since program inception.

The average gains are as follows:

Basic Social Behavior Expectations	
	+1.22
Simple Conversations Skills	
	+ 1.42
Application of Skills to Relationships	
	+1.62
Application of Skills to Problem Solving	
	+1.47

The goal of the Steering Committee is to have students show a gain of .75 or better with this calculation indicating continuous improvement in the area of social skills for WKHS students.

Our current step in the school improvement process is the continuous training of staff in the areas of modeling through verbal and non-verbal communication. Also included in this phase, is the implementation of these skills into the Individual Treatment Plans of the youth.

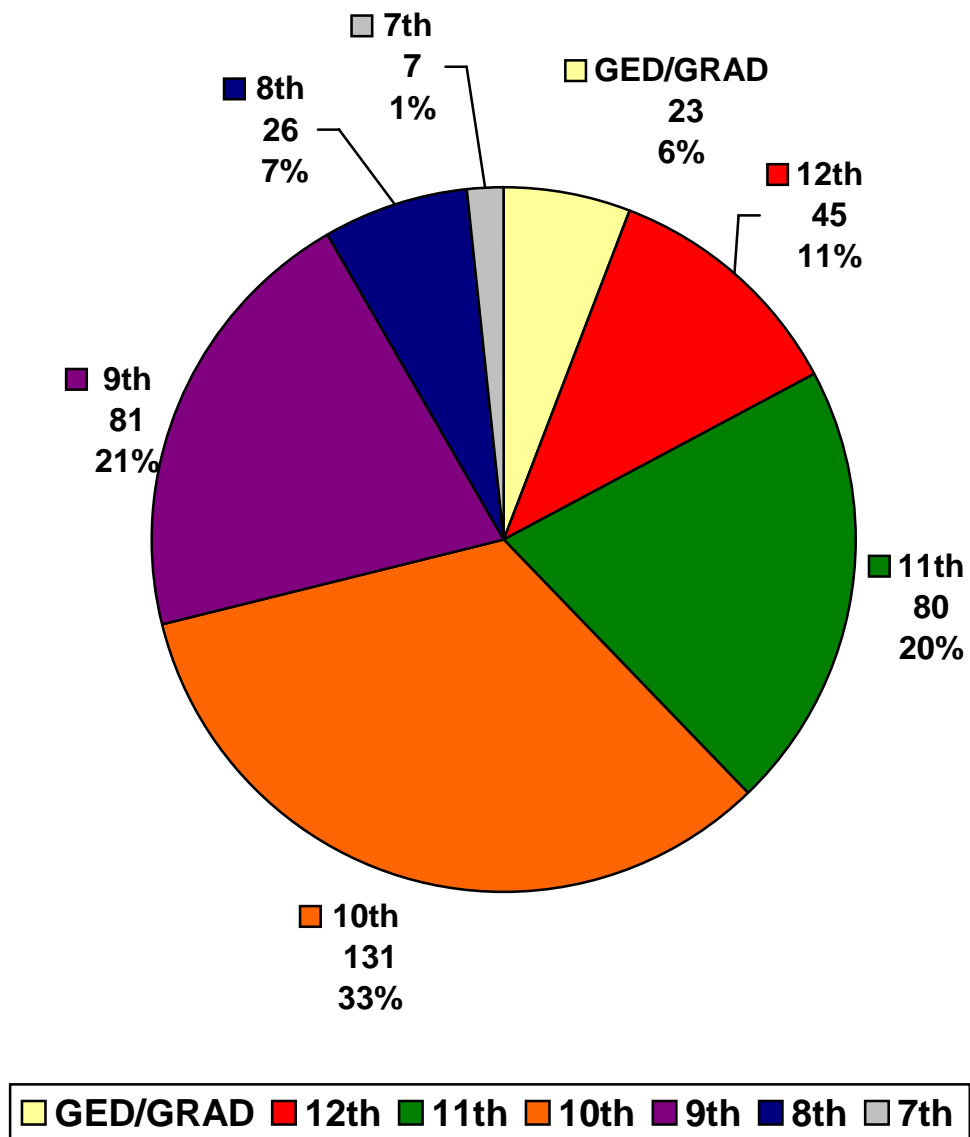
State-of-the-art wireless technology equipment valued around \$65,000 came to West Kearney High School through a competitive grant from the Beaumont Foundation of America. Staff members responsible for the success of the project included: Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Divan, Ms. Jarecki, Mr. O'Dea, Mrs. Eirich, Mrs. Murrish and Ms. Eads. In meeting the goals and objectives, students and staff have used the equipment to document student education and service projects at WKHS and in the community. Projects were implemented in Career Ed, Family Life, Title I and Art classes.

## **SUMMARY**

Overall, WKHS has continued to meet the students' needs and to provide a unique and productive educational environment.

We feel we have enabled our students to either return to their home school districts, enter post-secondary education, or join the labor force as confident readers, mathematicians, problem solvers; but more importantly, as productive and confident citizens. We have seen our students continue to enter WKHS-YRTC with a myriad of academic and emotional problems. We continue to see our rate of educational handicapped students maintain at the 30-35% level. The staff continues to promote dedication, courage, and positive attitudes that enable over 70% of the students to "make it" in their personal lives. The staff worked well together to provide a good, quality education.

**2005/2006 Commitments by Grade Level**  
**393 Total Commitments**



# **RECREATION**

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Recreation Department is to help youth live better lives through mental and physical growth through a wide range of physical activities and educational programs.**

## **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ◆ The YRTC-K was able to secure a refinishing of the Wimberley Gym floor in May, 2006.
- ◆ The City of Kearney Park and Recreation Department scheduled two exhibition Football games on YRTC-K's football field to demonstrate the new 7 on 7 passing flag football rules instituted for the first time at YRTC-K.

## **INTRAMURAL SEASONS**

### **2005 YRTC-K SOFTBALL Champions – Bryant 3**

- ◆ 26th Annual All-Star Softball game
- ◆ 61 games played

### **2005 FOOTBALL Champions – Creighton 1**

- ◆ 84 games played
- ◆ New game jerseys purchased

### **2005 VOLLEYBALL Champions – Lincoln 1.**

- ◆ 132 matches played

### **2006 BASKETBALL Champions – Creighton 3**

- ◆ 28<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star game
- ◆ 124 games played

### **2006 SOCCER Champions – Washington 2**

- ◆ 45 games played.

### **2006 BEACH VOLLEYBALL Champions – Bryant 1**

- ◆ 72 matches played

## **OPEN RECREATION PARTICIPATION**

### **Open Recreation Participation**

- ◆ 2005-06 total – 2,405 groups
- ◆ Monthly group average – 200 groups.
- ◆ Daily group average – 6.45

### **Release Youth Participation**

- ◆ 2005-06 total – 439 youth
- ◆ Monthly average – 37
- ◆ Daily average – 1



### **Total Program participation including P.E. classes**

- ◆ 2005-06 total – 49,603 youth
- ◆ Monthly average – 4,133 youth
- ◆ Daily average – 133 youth

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

President's Challenge fitness test

- ◆ 10 Presidential winners
- ◆ 36 National winners

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Throughout the 2005/06 fiscal year 1,920 YRTC-K youth provided 44 local organizations with 4,720 labor hours of service. If the current minimum wage is used, the youth volunteered \$24,308 to community organizations.

- ◆ The YRTC's partnership with the Rowe Sanctuary continued for a third consecutive year in helping upgrade their facilities. Eighteen YRTC-K groups helped with projects on 17 days throughout the sanctuary.
- ◆ YRTC-K groups fulfilled their obligation by walking the YRTC road "Adopt-A-Road" on six separate occasions. Other area roads were walked 8 times by YRTC-K youth groups.
- ◆ The local Salvation Army again provided gifts for parents of YRTC-K youth at Christmas time. Volunteers helped youth choose and wrap gifts to be sent home. This is the 31st year for this activity.
- ◆ YRTC again provided staff to ring the bell for the Salvation Army kettles at K-Mart. This was the 35th year for this effort.



**Wimberley Gym's new floor**

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE/COLLABORATION/ACTIVITIES**

The primary goal of the YRTC-K youth community service/activities program is to enable youth to return volunteer service as a part of the restorative justice concept. All YRTC-K youth are led by staff in service projects throughout the year. The second goal of the YRTC-K service program is to collaborate with the Kearney community whenever possible to strengthen long standing partnership, i.e., UNK, KVFD, City of Kearney. Thirdly, our staff has a long running commitment of service to the Kearney community, which continues to expand. The following are examples of youth and staff service:

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY**

The relationship between UNK and YRTC-K was again productive for both institutions. The UNK Student Activities Staff actively pursued YRTC-K youth to include them in UNK campus activities. YRTC youth assist in each event's preparation when possible, but many times are invited to enjoy themselves as spectators.

Following are more examples of the partnership's benefits.

- ◆ 30 YRTC youth groups attended UNK wrestling meets and football, basketball, & volleyball games as well as concerts held at the Health and Fitness Center. Groups cleaned up following twenty two of the events.
- ◆ For the tenth year YRTC groups have been involved in the set up and tear down of the UNK Blue-Gold Day at the beginning of the fall semester. Three YRTC groups participated in this celebration by working and then taking part in the food and activities offered.
- ◆ Eleven YRTC groups provided 33 hours of work helping with wrestling camps sponsored by the UNK Wrestling Team.

## **GRAND ISLAND VETERAN'S HOME**

- ◆ The YRTC-K - Grand Island Veteran's partnership in 2005-06 on eleven days provided labor in light maintenance and grounds work.
- ◆ GIVH also recognized YRTC-K at their Annual Volunteer Recognition Program in July 2006.



**Youth helping landscape GIVH**

## **BOY SCOUTS AND CAMP AUGUSTINE**

The YRTC-K has been providing work for the Boy Scouts at Camp Augustine as the partnership is in its fourth year. During 2005-06 YRTC-K groups provided four days of labor at the camp including grounds work and setting up camping areas. In return 2 groups were able to take part in the low rope course at the camp and six groups were able to utilize the high rope course for the first time. A YRTC-K group also helped set up tents for the year at the camp.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **New Partnerships for 2005-06**

- Kearney groups helped the Kearney Public Schools by providing labor in cleaning out the Boiler Room during the Central Elementary Schools remodeling project. One YRTC group also helped with a Kearney High School wrestling meet and was able to attend in return.
- Two YRTC groups helped with the Hurricane relief efforts. One was for an organization called Company Care and another was for the Kearney First Baptist Church.
- The YRTC-K provided help for a local hunting dog association by helping with their field trial competitions on two separate days.
- With the new building for the Kearney Humane Society just south of campus, Morton Living Unit began providing labor for landscaping as well as help with caring for the animals. The youth really enjoy the interaction with the pets at the Humane Society.
- One YRTC-K group set up for the Pheasants Forever banquet held at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds.

### **Continuing Partnerships**

- ◆ YRTC-K groups helped individuals move for the Mid-Nebraska Community Action project. For the second year the (RYDE) transportation service provided transportation for the entire campus to the "Pond" skating rink over the holidays and the KHS track for the annual track meet. We have valued this partnership over the past couple of years and foresee more possibilities.
- ◆ One YRTC-K group helped unload hay bales for the "I Believe in Me Ranch".
- ◆ 4 YRTC-K groups helped with a project at the Bethphage Mission in Axtell, NE.
- ◆ 3 YRTC-K groups set up for concerts held at MONA in downtown Kearney.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped set up and tear down for the Prince of Peace Catholic Church's Fall Festival.

- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped wrap gifts at the local Wal-Mart Store on 8 days over the holidays. The store provided many baskets of Holiday food for our youth to consume.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups cleaned the approach road and area around the Kearney City Land Fill.
- ◆ 4 YRTC-K groups helped move furniture at the Kearney YMCA and were rewarded in return by being invited to utilize the YMCA's facility.
- ◆ Two groups helped set up for a health fair for the United Way and Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Both events were held at the Kearney YMCA.
- ◆ 2 groups helped with the Jubilee Center's annual can drive on two occasions.
- ◆ 12 truckloads of clothing bales were loaded by 12 YRTC groups for the Salvation Army. One other group helped the Salvation Army by loading donated potatoes and doing general cleaning.
- ◆ 1 YRTC group spent 8 hours helping the Trails and Rails Museum decorate for the Christmas holiday. Three groups helped with other work details on site.
- ◆ 1 YRTC group and 2 release youth helped with the Kearney Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Knights of Columbus. This was the eighth year for Lincoln Living Unit to donate their assistance.
- ◆ 18 YRTC groups helped clean up the fairgrounds after such events as the Cattleman's Classic, Kiwanis pancake feed, Gateway Farm Expo and the Antique tractor pull.
- ◆ 2 groups helped set up and tear down exhibits at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds for the Antique organization during 2005-06.
- ◆ 11 YRTC groups visited and helped at area care centers and assisted living settings as well as the Area Agency on Aging.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped with the Elks Hoop Shoot held in December. This was the 11th year YRTC helped with this event. One youth group helped with the Elks Soccer Shootout held in September. This was the third year for helping with this event.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups worked 2 full days at Mid-Nebraska Community Services moving clients and other tasks.
- ◆ 2 YRTC groups helped clean up for the Kearney Fire Department's Annual Pancake Feed.
- ◆ YRTC-K groups provided labor for the finish of the "Press On Youth Center" building in south Kearney.



**YRTC-K youth help serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Hospitality Center.**

- ◆ 4 YRTC groups performed labor at Windmill Park near Gibbon. In exchange, groups were able to do both day and night camping at the park.
- ◆ One YRTC group helped clean up the exhibition building at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds following the Kearney Goodfellows Holiday gift wrapping extravaganza on December 25th. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of YRTC's involvement.

## **ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION IN THE COMMUNITY**

- ◆ 19 YRTC groups attended activities at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA).
- ◆ 4 YRTC groups went on over night camping trips to Ft. Kearny and the Windmill State Recreation Area near Gibbon.
- ◆ 94 barbecues and/or meals prepared by living units were held on the YRTC campus.
- ◆ 65 groups went on one-day outings such as fishing, bird watching, etc.
- ◆ 5 YRTC groups attended concerts at KHS sponsored by the Kearney Community Concert Association.
- ◆ 3 YRTC groups attended the Buffalo County Career Fair held at the Ramada Inn.
- ◆ 23 YRTC-K groups went on nature walks in the Kearney area.
- ◆ For the seventh year, a local businessperson donated YRTC youth admission to the Rotary Travel and Adventure series held at Kearney High School. Four groups were able to take advantage of this generosity.

## **VOLUNTEERISM**

- ◆ Daylight Donuts donated 222 trays of donuts during the year.
- ◆ The Gideons provided Bibles for YRTC youth on two occasions.

## **YOUTH/STAFF QUOTES**

- ◆ **"I really liked the new football rules. It made it more fun!"**
- ◆ **"I feel like our groups get lots of good from using the Recreation equipment in the gym."**
- ◆ **"That's the most I've been able to hit a ball in my life. It's way bigger than a baseball."**
- ◆ **"The new gym floor looks great!"**

# MEDICAL

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Medical department is to provide effective, comprehensive professional health care services for every youth by qualified medical personnel to help youth live better lives.**

Medical personnel met HHS Licensure requirements and are governed by written job descriptions approved by the contracted physician and HHS Medical Director.

The medical personnel includes one full-time RN and two full-time LPNs. Daily sick calls are held so youth can report any problems. Comprehensive health care services are provided from admission through discharge.

Access to health care is explained to all youth. All youth are screened on an individual basis. An intake screening form is used by orientation unit staff at the time of commitment. Information from this form alerts staff to any immediate problems. A nurse completes a comprehensive nursing assessment with each youth within seven days of arrival. A physical is done for each youth within fourteen days unless records show one was done within 90 days. The contracted physician comes one day per week and if treatment is needed between physician visits, arrangements are made and the youth is transported to his or her local office.

The contracted part-time dentist or hygienist also sees each new youth within seven to fourteen days and as needed. Outside referrals are made as needed.

Medical information is also requested through a questionnaire sent to all parents/guardians. Immunizations are updated according to state law.

The training officer or medical personnel give training to all staff. Special medical needs training is done as needed.

Medical staff arrange for all levels of health care to ensure comprehensive quality care for each youth.



Dental Care Services	Fiscal Year 04/05	Fiscal Year 05/06
Youth Seen	840	778
Procedures Done	2880	2774

<b>Nursing/Medical Care Services</b>	<b>04-05</b>	<b>05-06</b>
Youth Exams	4699	4498
Staff Exams	206	98
Adult Inmate Exams	3	4
Immunizations	292	236
STD Testing	144	58
HIV Testing	106	17
Miscellaneous Lab	61	94
Nursing Assessments	439	426
X-ray	39	52
Urine Drug Screens	80	95

<b>Physician Medical Care Services</b>	<b>04-05</b>	<b>05-06</b>
Youth Physicals	418	394
Exams	276	303
Surgeries	7	7
Ophthalmology Referrals	89	103
Orthopedic Referrals	21	37
Emergency room	15	18
Miscellaneous Referrals*	153	130

Includes X-ray, dermatology, podiatry, oral surgeries, private physicians, etc.



**Nurses Frink and Abels**

# FOOD SERVICE

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Food Service department is to provide each youth a high quality and nutritionally well balanced meal which is attractively served in a safe, pleasant and clean environment.**

The Food Service Department served 167,260 youth and 15,340 staff and guest meals for a total of 182,600 meals from July 2005 through June 2006. The average cost per meal was \$1.17 or \$3.51 per day. On Thanksgiving and Christmas, parents of youth are invited to have this special meal together as a family. One hundred and thirty-seven family members dined on Thanksgiving and seventy family members dined on Christmas. Twenty-six decorated GED cakes were sent to living units for their youth successfully earning their GED. One hundred ninety birthday cakes were made and sent to youth and their group to celebrate the youth's birthday. One hundred seventy three special activities involving the Food Service Department were requested, such as picnics, campouts and special campus events. There was 49,385 pounds of meat consumed, which averages 4.33 ounces per meal. USDA commodity assistance was \$22,219.37 which averages to \$.12 per meal.

The five-week cycle menu is reviewed annually by a licensed dietician. Youth are given the opportunity to rate their food preference for the current menu. The results will be taken into consideration for the upcoming five-week cycle menu. The following are the results of the current 2005-2006 menu. The top three breakfast items were French toast, blueberry waffles and cinnamon rolls. The top three lunch items were chicken patties, chili cheese hot dogs and hamburgers with cheese. The top three supper items were beef enchiladas, chicken cheese soft tacos and oven ranch chicken.

The Food Service Department has 11 staff with 121 years of combined service to the YRTC-K youth. The staff consists of one Food Service Director, two Food Service Specialists, seven full-time Food Service Cooks and one 20-hour Food Service Cook. The dish room utilizes 2 ½ Food Service Cooks to supervise youth while doing dishes. Five full-time cooks with a Food Service Specialist prepare the home-made quality meals. The Food Service Department staff ensures youth receive a high quality, nutritionally well-balanced meal which is attractively served in a safe, pleasant and clean environment.

## **Quotes from Staff:**

**"Food is excellent!"** Ms. Eads

**"I've always found the BDR food to be exceptional- especially considering they're cooking for so many. Keep up the good work."** Mr. Ross

## **Quotes from Youth:**

**"Food is so good, makes you want to come back to Kearney."**

**"I think the food is so good that I can't wait till the next meal!"**



# MINISTERIAL

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Ministerial program is to provide information, programming and counseling for all youth who request services to assist them in strengthening their spiritual lives to encourage them to lead better lives.**

In carrying out this mission, the first step is to interview each new YRTC-K youth to determine where they are religiously and to see how we may be of assistance to them. This year 318 new youth were interviewed.

There was a total of 2,514 youth that attended the church services throughout the year. This is an average of 48.35 per Sunday.

Two Bible studies are available to the youth each week. Adult volunteers lead the evening Bible studies. The total number of youth attending the Bible studies was 906. This is an average of 18.12 youth attending each week.

At the youth's request, the Chaplain is available for personal counseling. During the year 232 youth requested and received personal spiritual counseling.

The Chaplain is also available to the staff for personal or spiritual counseling. During the year, there were a number of staff counseling opportunities.

There are two volunteers who assist in the spiritual ministry. There is presently one volunteer who participates on a regular basis and others who are available to assist on special occasions. There were 166 hours of volunteer time donated during the year.

There were a total of 69 youth baptized by the Chaplain from July 2005 through June 2006. Fifty-six family members and friends came to attend the baptisms services.

During the past year there were 9 special chapel and church services.

1. The 1733 Barbershop Chorus presented Gospel Music in Barbershop Style in the Sunday morning church service and was warmly received by the youth. 07/17/2005.
2. Rabbi Mendel Katzman, Omaha, came for a special question and answer time for all the youth. 08/11/2005.
3. James Wilson, the founder of "Press On" youth ministries, shared his life story in the morning church service, September 25. Jim is a former juvenile offender, whose life has been changed by the power of God. 09/25/2005.
4. The Covenant Players came for an all campus assembly. They presented moral and spiritual lesson through drama. 10/06/2005.
5. Jerry Trayler, a spiritual speaker, presented a very positive message to the youth. Jerry has been disabled since birth, but it has not defeated him. He has run in 29 marathons and has run across America on crutches.
6. Father Art McDonald, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, conducted a special Christmas Eve service on the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Chaplain led a sing-along and presentation of the "Christmas Story" on Christmas Eve. 12/24/2005.

7. The Covenant Players were back to present another drama program. 03/16/2006.
8. Rebecca Brill, a senior at Nebraska Christian High School, was present in church on the morning of Sunday, April 9, to play her guitar and lead the singing. She also gave her prize winning persuasive speech entitled, "Jesus Christ is who He said He was and He is alive today!"
9. The Christian Outreach for Rural Nebraska (CORN) brought recreational equipment and conducted an all afternoon recreational activity in the gym and followed it up with a gospel message in the Chapel. All youth were in attendance. 05/06/2006.

### 2005/2006 Religious Preference

Total Youth Commitments: 393

Baptist	23
Buddhist	1
Catholic	68
Church of Christ	1
Christian	113
Church of God	1
Jehovah Witness	1
Lutheran	15
Methodist	7
Mormon	3
Muslim	2
Native American	5
No Preference	142
Presbyterian	6
Protestant	4
Wicca	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>393</b>

### Youth Quotes:

**"Every Sunday I could look forward to his services and words of wisdom."** A1 Youth

**"I greatly appreciate the help he has given me and I will continue to talk with him, I feel comfortable talking about personal stuff with him. He lives for the Lord and wants me to live for the Lord too."** B2 Youth



**YRTC-K Chapel**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## BUSINESS OFFICE

**The mission of the YRTC-Kearney Finance & Support Office is to provide effective financial and support services for YRTC-K staff and youth.**

### **BUDGET & FINANCIAL OPERATIONS ACCOUNTING:**

The budget unit of Finance and Support is responsible for working with Administrators in allocating appropriations into departmental budgets and assist in monitoring operations, projecting revenues, maintaining budget status reports and reconciling to appropriations, allocating and monitoring Personal Services Limitations to budget.

YRTC-K's annual budget for the 2005-2006 year was \$8,603,593. Additionally we were able to carry over \$320,382 from the prior fiscal year (04-05) to bring our total allotment for the fiscal year to \$9,143,337. The annual allotment status break down by fund was as follows:

Fund	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
General	\$7,910,076	\$8,167,378
Cash	\$ 408,486	\$ 390,197
Federal	\$ 612,733	\$ 585,762
Total	\$8,931,295	\$9,143,337

Funds were distributed in the following categories:

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Personal Services	\$6,675,395	\$7,315,860
Operations	\$2,257,852	\$1,767,389
Travel	\$7,151	\$11,481
Capital Outlay	\$5,200	\$48,607

YRTC-K recorded 665 receipts totaling \$97,608.00. Significant sources of income for the fiscal year were:

Restitution & Child Support:	\$ 896
Donations	\$ 700
Meal ticket sales:	\$ 3,113
Alfalfa cuttings:	\$ 3,309
Farm Lease:	\$12,237
Canteen sales	\$52,740

Effective 3/1/06 – the farm ground owned by YRTC-Kearney was transferred to the University of Nebraska-Kearney per LB 688. All revenues that UNK receives in the next 10 years are to be transferred to YRTC-Kearney as payment for this property.

Expenditures of funds, as per the June '06 budget status reports, included:

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Personal Services	\$6,483,461	\$6,779,707
Operations	\$1,616,292	\$1,752,297
Travel	\$12,001	\$13,625
Equipment	\$38,476	\$48,499

Average per diem costs for 2005-06 were \$152.76 per youth

Financial operations accounting performs the following functions: payments to vendors, contractors, employee reimbursements and other state agencies, depositing agency monies, answering inquiries from various payees, and managing facility cash balances. During fiscal year 05-06, financial operations prepared a total of 2,121 payment documents this past year.

### **FEDERAL GRANTS**

YRTC-K is responsible for the processing of quarterly and annual reporting of federal grants for YRTC-K as well as budgeting and reporting information for the Title I Grant for YRTC-Kearney, YRTC-Geneva and Lincoln Regional Center's Morton School.

Applications were processed, submitted and approved for funding for 11 federal grants.

- ◆ Title I Grant \$ 116,947 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Title I Grant \$ 99,106 (through 9/06)
- ◆ Vocational Education Grant \$46,000 (through 6/06)
- ◆ Special Ed Grant \$50,000 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Special Ed grant \$50,000 (through 9/06)
- ◆ Title V – NCLB - \$2,167 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Title V – NCLB - \$1,029 (through 9/06)
- ◆ Title II A – NCLB - \$1,149 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Title II A – NCLB - \$1149 (through 9/06)
- ◆ NE Arts Grant - \$7,560 (through 5/06)
- ◆ NE Arts Grant – Community Opportunities - \$1,930 (through 5/06)

## **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – TRUST & WELFARE FUND**

### **YRTC-Kearney Trust Fund:**

YOUTH TRUST FUND	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Beginning Balance	\$6,087	\$4,977
Total Revenue Received	\$70,919	\$63,659
Disbursements	\$72,029	\$63,789
Checks Written	978	2165
Ending Balance	\$4,977	\$4,847
Interest Earned	\$10	\$11
Reimbursed Damages	\$2,057	\$1,962
Checks to Canteen	\$39,038	\$37,872

The trust fund was moved by HHS to a new accounting system in N-Focus effective December 1, 2005. Accounting Clerk, Deb Murrish and Business Manager, Deb Eirich participated in planning meetings and training prior to implementation. We have found this new system to be very user friendly. The system has been updated periodically, enhancing the original product, which has proven to be very helpful in ensuring youth accounts are current.

### **Welfare fund:**

WELFARE FUND	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Beginning Balance	\$24,030	\$9,727
Revenue	\$2,990	\$1,863
Donations	\$908	\$700
Transfer of Canteen Profits	Not transferred until August 2005	\$16,655
Disbursements	\$18,202	\$18,590
Ending Balance	\$9,727	\$7,854

The welfare account funded youth holiday gifts, Artist in Residence programs, admission fees to local community programs, i.e. Community concert, Dancing Leaf Lodge, Champion Sports, I-Max theater, membership and usage fee for the Overland Trails Boy Scout Camp at Camp Augustine in Grand Island, NE, video rentals, basketball hoops and miscellaneous pet supplies.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Support Services encompasses a wide variety of areas to include purchasing, maintain supply inventory, fixed asset management – non computer, transportation – state vehicles, and risk management.

## **PURCHASING**

All orders for supplies and equipment are tracked through support services. We continue to use the Nebraska Information Systems (NIS) to process contracts, requisitions and purchase orders for both services and commodities. We continued to increase our usage of the Procurement Phase of NIS during this fiscal year. Although this system is time consuming, it is an important function of the purchasing process as this system allows State Purchasing to monitor contract usage and purchasing trends.

We had a total of 1,365 requests for purchase and 67 purchase orders over the \$500 limit during this fiscal year. Major purchases during this year were: computers, remodeling of Administration Building including built-in work stations, cement play pads for living units, walkways, basketball hoops for play pads, resurfacing of gym floor, mixer for the Food Service Area and new phone wiring between Administration Building and School area.

## **SUPPLY INVENTORY AND FIXED ASSET NON-COMPUTER MANAGEMENT**

Inventory control records are maintained on all stock items in the warehouse and food service operations. Records are updated and adjusted monthly throughout the fiscal year. The inventory module of NIS which will record issues, transfers and adjust stock quantities, reverse transactions, and inquire on “real time” stock availability still is in the testing phase for YRTC-Kearney. Support Staff Lindsey Eads has attended different training sessions to become familiar with the inventory module of NIS. We have elected to categorize our supply inventory into six different “warehouses” - grocery, meat, commodities, office supplies, clothing and household. Plans are underway for the next fiscal year to assign items to each warehouse and begin implementing this module of NIS.

Fixed asset – non-computer management is also maintained by the Support area personnel. Tags are issued for items that are to be capitalized, acquisitions are entered on the NIS system, and an annual inventory is completed. Destruct orders and /or surplus lists are continually updated to destroy or sell used equipment. One load of surplus items was taken to Lincoln this fiscal year.

<b>Warehouse Inventory</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>	<b>FY 05-06</b>
<b>Items on Inventory</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>Value of Ending Inventory</b>	<b>\$45,856</b>	<b>\$48,499</b>
<b>Food Service Inventory</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>	<b>FY 05-06</b>
<b>Items on Inventory</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Value of Ending Inventory</b>	<b>\$29,915</b>	<b>\$33,218</b>

<b>Equipment Inventory</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>	<b>FY 05-06</b>
<b>Items on Inventory</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Value of Ending Inventory</b>	<b>\$338,208</b>	<b>\$467,884</b>

### **Vehicle Coordination**

Vehicle transportation is essential to YRTC-K for the transportation of youth and staff to activities, meetings and appointments. YRTC-K owns four vehicles and leases one car from the Transportation Service Bureau (TSB). YRTC-K employees traveled 33,442 miles this fiscal year. There was one accident reported with minimal damage. The Finance and Support staff work with the TSB and Health & Human Services vehicle coordinators to ensure the facility has enough vehicles to meet our needs.

The YRTC-K maintenance staff maintains vehicles and coordinates travel plans for 10 vehicles for the TSB motor vehicle pool in Kearney for state employees within the area. This year the TSB worked in conjunction with the YRTC-K maintenance staff to construct a parking lot in the northwest corner of the campus for the motor pool, YRTC-K maintenance staff provided the labor and TSB provided the funding.

### **Tort Claims**

One tort claim was filed by an HHS employee regarding a personal vehicle that incurred damage while parked in the YRTC-K parking lot. Outcome is still pending.

### **YOUTH CALLING SYSTEM (YCS)**

The Youth Calling System service is supplied by AT&T. There were 685 completed phone calls during fiscal year 2005-2006. The system continues to work well for YRTC-K youth and only a few minor repairs were needed this fiscal year.

### **COMMENTS / QUOTES**

**"Business Office is always very helpful and efficient in all areas"**



**The beginning of the Business Office remodel project**



**Ms. Eirich's newly remodeled office.**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**The mission of the YRTC-Kearney Human Resource & Development area is to promote a diverse, skilled productive workforce and provide support to YRTC-K staff where everyone is valued and respected and treated fairly.**

FTE Authorized 146.60 positions - 162 employees

(As of 6/30/06 – per NIS)

PROFILE of an average YRTC-K employee:

- 73% Male - 27% Female
- 96.4% White, 2.4% Hispanic, 1.2% Black
- 44 years of age
- 10 years of service
- Average Salary \$30,194

During the 2005 – 2006 we had the following movement in employment

YRTC-Kearney	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Hired	24	24
Temps Hired	9	3
Retirement	1	1
Resigned	19	26
Terminated	4	2
Promoted/ Transferred	5	5
Demoted/ voluntary & involuntary	0	0
Staff Turnover	20%	23%

All new employees were trained on campus from Health and Human Services, Human Resources and Development, Training Coordinator. The Human Resource Officer provided pre-service orientation training on human resources rules and regulations, payroll and benefits to each new employee.

The Human Resource area focused on recruitment this year by enrolling in 2 different job fairs, creating new newspaper advertisements, working directly with the University of Nebraska-Kearney and the local Nebraska Work Force Development office. Employment applications and security checks were accepted and processed on potential employees, interns and volunteers.



	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Applications Received	288	242
Pre-Employment NCIC Security Checks Completed	62	65
Drug Testing	35	43

In addition Child / Adult abuse neglect registries, Sex Offender Registry, Justice System and Federal Bureau of Prisons, NE Dept of Corrections and DMV records reviewed on each potential employee.

### **Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Commitment**

The Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) System is dedicated to creating and sustaining a unified, accessible, caring, and competent health and human service entity. This dedication translates into an understanding that all persons are entitled to work and advance on the basis of qualifications and competence, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, disability, color, sex, age, or marital status. Equal employment opportunity and affirmative action are integral parts of our daily operations.

### **Benefits**

The annual Open Enrollment for Insurance Benefit changes was held from November 7 – December 2, 2005 with the effective date for coverage January 1, 2006. There were no new options offered this year. We continued with same insurance plans as offered in the previous year. Health insurance rates increased an astonishing 22.1% on January 1, 2006. The YRTC-K Finance & Support team was available to answer questions to ensure all employees had the necessary information needed to make good decisions when completing their open enrollment options. A computer lab was set up in the Business Office this year to assist employees with the online enrollment process.

### **Tuition Assistance**

Tuition Assistance was available for all Health and Human Services System employees during FY 2005-2006. We had a total of seven employees apply for tuition assistance during this year. Tuition reimbursements received this year totaled \$4,320.30.

### **Employee Accident Reports**

There were 12 reported employee accidents during the fiscal year 05-06 compared to nine the previous year.

Accidents include:

- ◆ Security Department -3 reports - lower back, broken foot and right knee injury. Two occurred while intervening with youth, the broken foot occurred while helping with an escape. One employee lost time for 8 work days due to injury. One security staff remained on light duty from injury incurred in April of 2005. This injury has required 4 surgeries.
- ◆ Recreation Department – 1 report – chipped teeth from a softball during recreation class.
- ◆ Food Service Department – 2 reports – right knee, hitting knee with a cart and left elbow

bruise from hitting it on a trash can.

- ◆ Administrative – 1 report – right shoulder – slipped on sidewalk
- ◆ Maintenance Department – 5 reports – Shoulder injury from working overhead, knee injury – missed a step on the ladder, arm injury – chemical splash, arm injury – lifting a ladder, body aches from hitting an abutment in the road with a snowplow. A total of 165 hours were lost in the maintenance department due to work related injuries.

### **2005 Service Awards**

YRTC-K staff completing 10 years or more of service with the State of Nebraska were recognized for service at the Nebraska State Employee Recognition Ceremony in Grand Island in October 2005. Additionally, staff completing 5 years or more of service with YRTC-K were recognized at the annual YRTC-K Christmas party in December 2005.

#### ❖ Years of Service

- ❖ 30 Years - Richard Wetjen – Recreation Manager
- ❖ 20 Years - Rosalie McCurry – Administrative Assistant  
Kelly Murr – Youth Counselor I  
Kim Frink – RN  
John Murphy – Basic Ed Teacher
- ❖ 15 Years - Rich Morse – Recreation Assistant  
Dan Svoboda – Mental Health Practitioner – CD  
Dan Nichols – Facility Maintenance Technician  
Pat Johnson – Youth Security Specialist I  
Lyle Dreiling – Psychologist  
Steve Reeves – Facility Maintenance Superintendent
- ❖ 10 Years - Cathy Emrick – Secretary II  
Jeff Hunting – Youth Security Supervisor  
Nancy Lyon – Title I teacher  
Errol Adams – Food Service Specialist  
Jerry Moulton – Youth Security Specialist I
- ❖ 5 Years - Sean Evans – Youth Security Specialist II  
Nathan Schwanebeck – Youth Security Specialist II  
Sarah Jameson – Title I Teacher  
Steve Huffman – Youth Security Specialist II  
Jeff Tassemeyer – Youth Counselor I  
Cheryl Linden – Housekeeping/Custodian

### **Employee / Manager of the Year**

Kris Ann Sullivan - YRTC-K Employee of the Year

Jeff Hunting – Youth Security Supervisor – Manager of the Year. Also selected as Manager of the Year for HHS.

### **Employee Recognition:**

YRTC-K also recognizes employees for their service throughout the year in accordance with HHS employee recognition program

- ◆ **Lawn Projects** - Jeff Hunting – \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **CPR/AED Certification** – Keith Scheidies, Dan Nichols, Dan Theobald, Doyle Krueger - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks each
- ◆ **Fire Extinguisher Training** - Bob Reineke –\$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ **CPI Instructors** - Dan Theobald, Larry Vollmer, Dave White, Jeff Hunting, Kelly Murr, Dan Lyon, Kevin Foote –\$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ **Wel-Life** - Deb Davis, Sarah Jameson –\$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ **Pumpkin Contest** - Tom Swarm –\$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **NOVA Project** - Tom Smith –\$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **Recycling Projects** -Clint Witte - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **Haunted House** - Rey Rodriguez –\$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **State Gang Committee** - Tim Jorgensen –\$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ **Team of the Year** - Maintenance Staff – Steve Reeves, Irv Nelson, Rich Hancock, Dan Nichols, Kevin Quail, Brent Reissland, Mark Humphrey, Jim Christensen, Harold Wick and Don Purvis
- ◆ **Supervisor of the Year** – Jeff Hunting was awarded a \$500 bonus for HHS employee of the Year.
- ◆ **Employee recognition Month** – all employees were given coupons for 1 free bag of popcorn in the Canteen

Mr. O'Dea also recognized individual employees for good deeds, special projects, anything above and beyond the normal duties of their positions with YRTC polo shirts.

### **COMMENTS / QUOTES**

**"HR is always accommodating and right on it!"**



**Human Resource Officer Erbsen &  
YRTC-K Administrator O'Dea**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

**The purpose of Human Resources and Development is to provide an on-going single delivery system of staff development, in order to bring about staff behavioral changes and to allow staff to acquire new knowledge in the area of delinquency control, prevention and treatment with the ultimate goal of enabling every youth the opportunity to succeed upon their release.**

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney training department prepares new employees by classroom instruction and job site observation on YRTC-K programs. The objective of Pre-service training is to familiarize with programs available to the youth on campus. The department also allows current employees to sharpen acquired skills and to review facility policies. The department uses several employees to aid in classroom training. Staff Assistant II Jarecki has developed and taught Computer Basics to new and current employees. LPN Mary Reed teaches Communicable Diseases class. Three new instructors were certified in CPR/AED and First Aid training. They are Maintenance Technician Dan Nichol, YSS Melvin Krueger and YCI Keith Scheidies. Teacher Ty Swarm and YSSII Jeff Walburn were certified as new CPI instructors. Having additional instructors has enabled the department to offer additional training.

During fiscal year 2005-2006, YRTC-Kearney employees accumulated 9728.45 hours of training. This was accomplished by staff attending Pre-service, In-service and specialized training at off campus sites. Several examples of specialized training attended was the Nebraska Juvenile Association Conference in Grand Island, Heartland Conference in Omaha and several different computer courses at the Grand Island Veterans Home and the Hastings Regional Center. Youth Counselor Supervisor Tom Smith received the "Trainers Award" for amassing 88.5 hours of individual training. This was accomplished without any "On the Job" training hours. It is the most hours earned by any YRTC-K employee during 2005-2006.



**Staff training in the Chapel**

Training Coordinator Theobald attended over 50 hours of training on Family Centered Practice in Lincoln, Grand Island and Kearney. All staff that have direct contact with the youth had received three hours of training in the "Basic Values, Beliefs and Principles of Family Centered Practice" by October 2, 2005. The remaining staff attended monthly in-service training to receive their training in Family Centered Practice. It is offered to all new employees during Pre-service training. Pam Mann and Connie Snoes conducted the next step of Family Centered Practice training to administrators and Youth Counselors on May 23 and June 1. This will be the basis for the YRTC-Kearney Family Centered Practice training for 2006-2007.

Members of the Training Advisory Board handed out Training Needs Assessments to various YRTC-Kearney staff. Eighty percent were returned to the training coordinator. The results indicated that staff

wanted training in policy and procedures from different departments on campus. During April, Training Coordinator Theobald filmed employees from different departments about the policies and procedures in their areas. This will be used as training in 2006-2007.

YRTC-Kearney had two interns attend Pre-service training in May of 2006. Criminal Justice Intern Jason Jacobs completed his 270 hour study in June. He worked with the Morton and Dickson living unit teams. Kristin Steinbeck will complete her 600 hour counseling Internship with the Chemical Dependency department in September. **"Thank you for the opportunity to intern at YRTC. I enjoyed the experience and learned many great lessons that I will utilize as a counselor."**

Kristin Steinbeck

YRTC-Kearney was 100 percent compliant with the number of training hours to meet the accreditation standards for the American Correctional Association. This was accomplished by staff and supervisors working to complete their required training.



**Mr. Theobald during pre-service training  
with two new YSSIIIs**



**Mr. Theobald demonstrating proper CPR**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## CANTEEN

**The mission of the YRTC-K Canteen is to provide effective commissary services for YRTC-K youth, staff and visitors in a clean and safe environment with timely and friendly customer service.**

The Canteen continues to be a favorite spot for the youth and their families. The Canteen is open 5 days / 20 hours per week to provide personal hygiene and snack items for sale to youth, families, staff and guests. This fiscal year, the .50 FTE position was divided into two positions. The Canteen is staffed by Kelly Peterson and Shelly Fritz, each employee works 1 week end and 3 days of the week, this schedule to date has proven to be successful. This allows flexibility for the Canteen workers and also alleviates using staff members from other departments to cover in absences.

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Days Open	228	248
Total Sales	\$49,450	\$52,732
Average Daily Sales	\$206	\$212
Ending Inventory	\$6,477	\$5,420
Gross Profit	\$8,161	\$6,887

### Comments / Quotes

**"Canteen is definitely an asset to the institution."**



**Bryant group at the canteen**



# FINANCE AND SUPPORT WAREHOUSE

**The mission of the YRTC-K warehouse is to provide YRTC-K youth and staff with effective and quality supplies to meet customer needs.**

Warehouse personnel, Robin Smith, is in charge of all receiving and issuing of all institutional supplies, materials, clothing and equipment. Monthly physical inventories are taken to insure accuracy. Warehouse personnel also assist management with overseeing the laundry. This fiscal year, a rotating schedule was implemented to ensure each living unit had an opportunity to visit the warehouse on a more consistent basis.

	FY 04-05	FY 05-06
Requisitions Processed	1132	1070
Youth Served	1205	1331

## COMMENTS / QUOTES

**"Change in clothing policy, Robin adapted well and got it done!"**  
**"The warehouse has a lot of happy customers."**



**Mr. Robin Smith hard at work in the warehouse**



**A group working for the warehouse**

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & SUPPORT (IS&T)

**Mission:** To provide technical assistance to YRTC-Kearney staff and youth. To train all new staff and help existing staff regarding the HHSS computer system.

Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) created the Infrastructure Support Technician position at YRTC-Kearney in October 2005. This position was created due to the increased demand for on-site technical support. YRTC-Kearney currently has 94 production or staff computers and 96 youth computers on campus serving 167 employees and approximately 150 youth. This position was filled by Jolene Jarecki. Ms. Jarecki provides support for the computers on campus as well as providing training to new employees and assist staff with any computer application issues. YRTC-Kearney received 13 new computer systems to replace out-dated equipment based on the quarterly replacement plan. Additionally, the facility purchased 17 computer systems to replace aging equipment and furnish new offices. Sixty-six youth and four staff computer systems were replaced with used equipment to meet the requirements for the upgrade to Windows XP and Office 2003 that occurred this year. The facility also received two video conferencing stations provided by the Office of Protection and Safety. We are participating in a pilot system that also involves offices in Omaha, Gering, and YRTC-Geneva. The systems have allowed youth to communicate with family and their Juvenile Service Officers when travel to the facility is not feasible.

YRTC-Kearney received equipment that was awarded from the Beaumont Foundation Grant in September 2005. This included 30 laptop computers, 6 digital cameras, 2 wireless modems, 2 projectors, 2 laser jet printers and 2 mobile carts. Assisted by IS& T networking and a hardware technician, these computers were set up and installed in the Art Room and Media Center. These computers have been beneficial to the youth and teachers of West Kearney High School.



Youth using equipment from Beaumont Foundation Grant

YRTC –Kearney has also been transitioning this past year from the Juvenile Database to the new Youth Database created by IS&T's Application Development and Support Team. YRTC-Kearney began testing the new system in August 2005 by running both systems side by side until June 2006 when the old system was retired forever. The new system is a much needed upgrade and has provided the institution with improved data collection and reporting capabilities.

## **COMMENTS / QUOTES**

**"The IS& T position is a great addition to YRTC-K."**



# **ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL SUPPORT**

## **SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR/RECEPTIONISTS**

**The Mission of the YRTC-K SBO/Reception Office is to provide administrative support services for YRTC-K youth, staff and visitors through timely and friendly customer service.**

The Switchboard Operator (SBO)/Receptionist department consists of four, .50 FTE. The SBO/Receptionists are scheduled from 0700 to 2000 Monday through Friday and 0800 to 1600 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. All SBO/Receptionists completed 100% of their training requirements, which include mandatory training hours in CPR, First Aid and CPI.

SBO/Receptionists perform numerous duties during their shift which include: greeting all visitors to YRTC-K campus, answer and transfer incoming phone calls, place and record long distance phone calls, sort/distribute mail, return and forward mail, prepare certified mail and FedEx packages, distribute faxes, maintain filing, sell meal tickets, as well as complete various projects for the Business Office. They also perform daily errands, such as bank deposits, pick up glasses from Optometrist, pick up items purchased locally, drop off and pick up items from ESU #10, etc.



**SBO Lautenschlager at her post**

The newest asset to our office is an electronic filing system. It is a horizontal filing machine with a large work counter, an overhead light and enough room to place all youth files under one lock and key. We moved files from 28 file cabinets throughout the Administration Building and placed them in one location alphabetically. The benefit of having all files in one area makes research and record requests less time consuming.

### **VISITOR DATA**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number Youth Visits</b>	<b>Number ON Campus Visits</b>	<b>Number OFF Campus Visits</b>
Jul '05	240	93	147
Aug '05	185	81	104
Sep '05	171	59	112
Oct '05	228	104	124
Nov '05	209	73	136
Dec '05	152	84	68
Jan '06	173	66	107
Feb '06	182	62	120
Mar '06	173	74	99
Apr '06	219	98	121
May '06	227	89	138
Jun '06	188	82	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2347</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1382</b>

Another duty is to retrieve and disseminate PDI information requested by courts, probation/parole offices, etc.

<i><b>PDI</b></i>	<b>REQUESTS</b>
JUL '05	16
AUG '05	20
SEP '05	15
OCT '05	12
NOV '05	8
DEC '05	12
JAN '06	13
FEB '06	12
MAR '06	4
APR '06	14
MAY '06	3
JUN '06	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140</b>

The total number of PDI requests for fiscal year 03/04 were 183 and 04/05 were 193.

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL SUPPORT STAFF ASSISTANT II***

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Staff Assistant Program is to provide timely support services for YRTC-K youth and staff to communicate and collaborate with Protection and Safety field staff.**

### **JSO/Youth Counselor/YRTC-K Liaison**

Ms. Carpenter coordinates Juvenile Service Officer (JSO) campus visits. The goal of OJS/YRTC-K is that all YRTC-K youth receive visits from their JSO to facilitate placement planning, parole expectations, and communication with Youth Counselors (YC's) on youth's progress and expectation of youth's needs once he leaves YRTC-K. Ms. Carpenter generated a report sent to YRTC-K Administrator and OJS on the JSO's participating in visits and the number of youth seen.

FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006	Number of Visiting JSOs	Number of Youth Interviewed
July 05	31	109
Aug 05	33	118
Sep 05	30	138
Oct 05	38	148
Nov 05	37	133
Dec 05	30	129
Jan 06	43	138
Feb 06	38	125
Mar 06	33	131
Apr 06	39	121
May 06	34	138
Jun 06	34	143
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>1571</b>

The Staff Assistant II coordinates and attends all youth parole revocation hearings and insures allegation information is passed on to the YC I's and paperwork is placed in youth files. There were four youth reinstated to parole as a result of their parole revocation hearings. Thirty seven youth either waived their revocation hearing or their parole was revoked in 2005/06.

The Staff Assistant II coordinates youth travel plans for releases on parole, furloughs, placement visits and discharges from YRTC-K/OJS/HHS. Travel plans were completed for 406 paroled or discharged youth this year.

The Staff Assistant II completed reservations for youth's families to attend Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with their sons. Ms. Carpenter arranged travel plans for youth approved for Holiday furloughs. This involved formulating travel plans both to and from YRTC-K and the youth's home. Following are some parental comments regarding their son's home furloughs:

- **"I appreciate the time and effort put forth on my son's behalf by staff members at YRTC. Thank you!"**
- **"Your facility seems to really put kids on the correct path- I see an improvement in my son since he has been in your care. Good Job!"**
- **"I feel you have helped him a lot. I'm very satisfied of what has been done. Very happy with the changes since he has been there."**

# PHYSICAL PLANT/MAINTENANCE

**The Mission of the YRTC-K Maintenance Department is to maintain a safe and sanitary campus environment for the YRTC-K youth and staff to allow the YRTC-K Youth Treatment Program to meet youth needs in order to live better lives.**

## **YRTC-K FUNDED PROJECTS**

- Installed new play pads for Lincoln, Washington, Bryant and Creighton living units. This project involved removal of old concrete play pads, dirt work, 423 dump truck loads from north of the golf course to living units, compact and fine grade site, form and pour new slabs, build and install eight new basketball goals. Vocational helped with welding of new goals.
- Business Office remodel in the Dodge building. This involved demo of old walls, floors, ceilings, etc. and construction of new walls, replacement of floor covering, new ceiling, light fixtures, doors, windows, painting, etc. for two new conference rooms, seven office rooms and one walk-in closet.
- Chapel- refinish exterior wood beams, sand to bare wood, prime and re-paint.
- Washington play pad to west street- constructed new walk way.
- Bryant play pad to Dickson living unit- constructed new walk way.
- Vocational building- remove old gas water heater and replace with electric water heater.
- Boys Dining Room- power wash loose and peeling paint on west and south exterior block walls, this is prep work for tuck point and painting project.
- Installed eight new seating benches on north side of Bryant/Creighton and Lincoln/Washington living units.
- Gym floor project- new floor covering, paint game lines.

## **YRTC-K AND TSB PROJECT**

Parking slab 48'x60' for motor pool cars. Labor and some materials were furnished by YRTC-K and concrete was furnished by Transportation Service Bureau.

## **309 FUNDED PROJECTS**

- BDR tuck point project- this involved grinding out old masonry block joints, re-grouting joints and applying water proof coating on south and west block walls.
- BDR drain line project- this was for removal and replacement of drain lines in laundry and warehouse area of BDR. This involved removal of some concrete floor, dirt and old drain lines and replacement of floor dirt and pipes.
- BDR elevator project- this involved replacement of pumping unit, main cylinder, pump motor controls and relays.

## **TRAINING**

- Adult CPR – all maintenance staff
- Asbestos Refresher Course for re-certification
- Class 6 back flow training for re-certification (15 hours every three years)
- Boiler Controls
- Electric Motor Controls

- Refrigeration and certification
- Braze and Solder
- Air Conditioning Service
- Hazmat Training
- Air Handler Variable Frequency Drive
- CPR Instructor Class Certification – one maintenance staff
- Mandatory training hours – all staff

### **TOTAL WORKING HOURS**

Total working hours for the fiscal year 2005/2006 is as follows:

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Miscellaneous project hours | 16,988.25 hours        |
| • Work order hours            | 519.00 hours           |
| • PMI hours                   | 288.50 hours           |
| • <b>Total hours</b>          | <b>17,795.75 hours</b> |

### **UTILITIES**

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| • Electrical    | \$71,157.44         |
| • Natural Gas   | \$191,056.03        |
| • Water & Sewer | \$22,290.50         |
| • <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$284,503.97</b> |

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

This year YRTC-K maintenance staff donated platelets and 27 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.



**Maintenance during the remodeling of  
the business office**

# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

On the following pages, statistical information is provided on youth that were admitted to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center - Kearney in 2005/06.

The statistics are gleaned from the Office of Juvenile Services Management Information System. It should be noted that some data are the result of youth self-reporting and are subject to validity problems. Demographic information is based upon committed youth, not total admitted youth. Below are the distinctions between committed and admitted youth:

**Admissions** include commitments, parole violators, recommitments, parole safekeepers, and court safekeepers.

**Commitments** are considered to be only committed youth, parole violators and recommitments. Parole safekeepers and court safekeepers are not placed in the youth treatment program and are generally housed in our Dickson security unit due to their short length of stay.

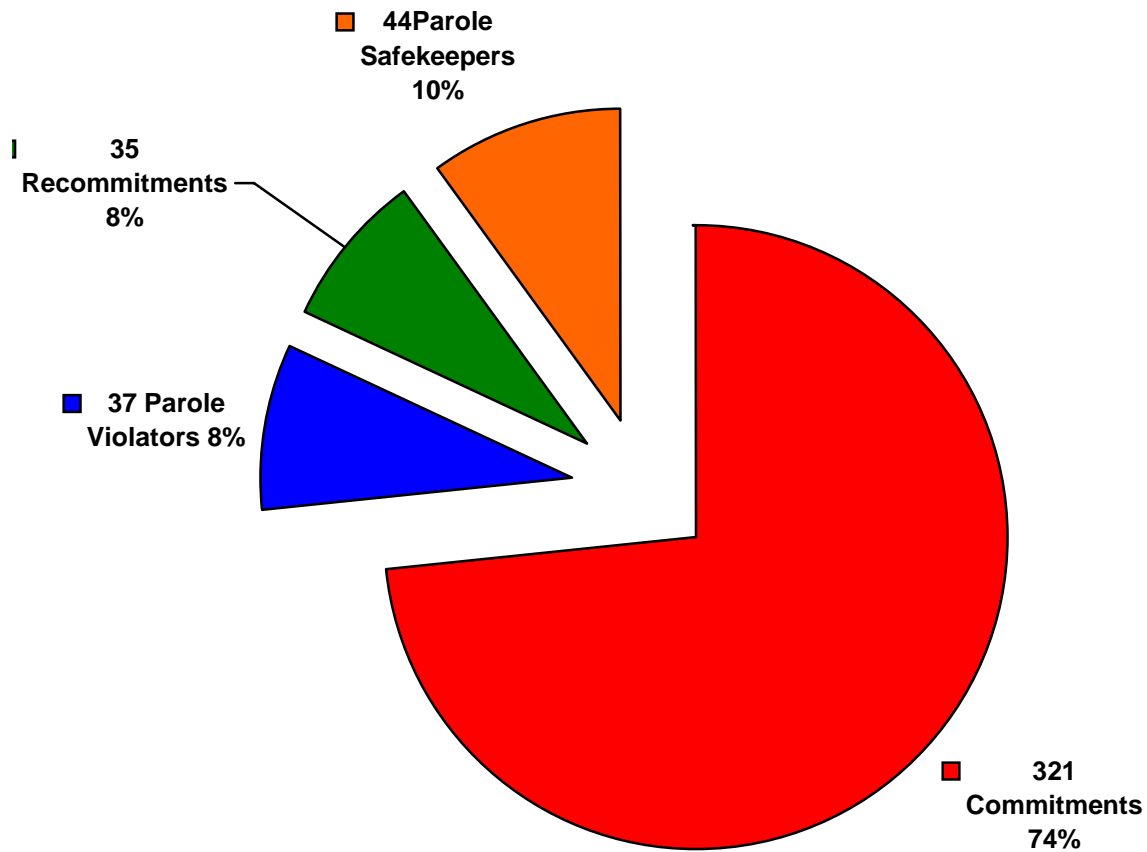
- ***Commitments*** are youth who are committed to YRTC-K by a Nebraska Court where the youth is adjudicated delinquent by Nebraska State Statute 43-247. Youth sent here for misdemeanor offenses are adjudicated under 43-247 (1) statute. Youth committed for felony offenses are adjudicated under 43-247 (2). Federal and Nebraska law does not allow youth who are considered status offenders to be committed to a YRTC.
- ***Parole Violators*** are youth who had been committed to YRTC-K and were released on parole status. The youth violate parole by not adhering to parole requirements such as school attendance, curfew, etc. Generally a youth does not return to YRTC-K *unless he has violated the law.*
- ***Recommitments*** are youth who were originally committed to YRTC-K and then paroled or discharged. The youth then commits a new offense and the Court commits him to YRTC-K.
- ***Parole Safekeepers*** are youth who are returned to YRTC-K until a hearing can be held to determine if parole should be revoked.
- ***Court Safekeepers*** are youth placed at YRTC-K by the Court for short-term holding. Counties pay YRTC-K a per diem rate on court safekeepers. YRTC-K acceptance is based on current campus population. No status offenders are accepted.

**Releases** include administrative parole, parole, supervision parole, institutional discharge, administrative discharge, reinstatement, revocation, and court safekeeper discharge.

- ***Administrative Paroled*** youth are those who are released from YRTC-K due to population management or an opening in a treatment facility. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.
- ***Paroled*** youth are those who are released from YRTC-K by completing the Youth Treatment Program and are nominated for release and approved by the Treatment Team and Administration. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.

- **Supervision Paroled** youth are those who were classified as lower risk youth by the Classification Committee. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.
- **Institutional Discharge** youth are those who have been released from YRTC-K with no parole supervision. They have completed the youth treatment program and were nominated for release and approved by their Treatment Team and Administration. Generally these youth have reached their 18th birthday and earned their high school diploma or the GED.
- **Court Safekeepers Discharge** are youth released when the Court orders their return.
- **Administrative Discharge** are youth who have been released from YRTC-K due to population management with no parole supervision. Generally these youth have reached their 18th birthday and earned their high school diploma or the GED.
- **Revoke (Revocation)** are youth who have violated their parole agreement and their parole is revoked.
- **Reinstated** youth are those who are returned to parole supervision.

## 2005/06 Total Admissions 437 Total Youth



■ 321 Commitments

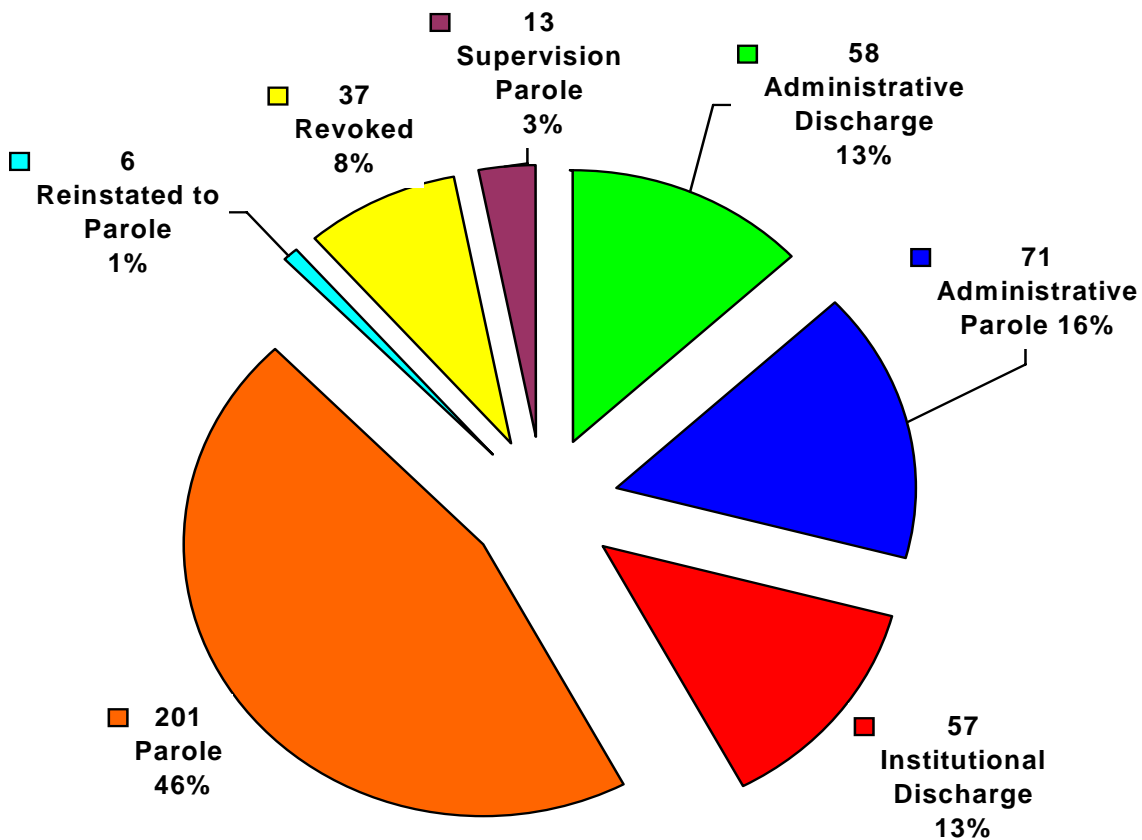
■ 37 Parole Violators

■ 35 Recommitments

■ 44 Parole Safekeepers

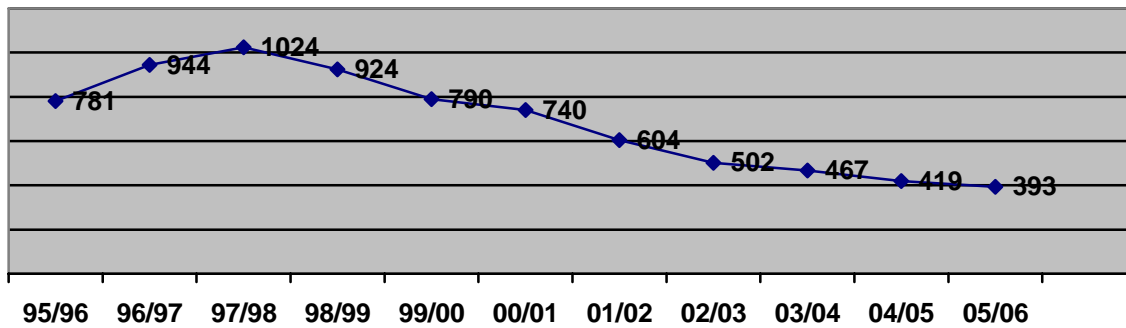


## 2005/06 Total Releases 443 Total Youth

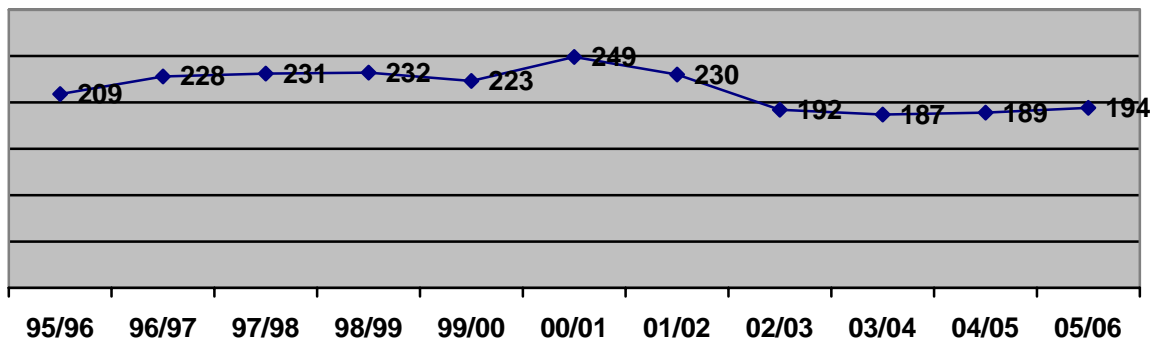


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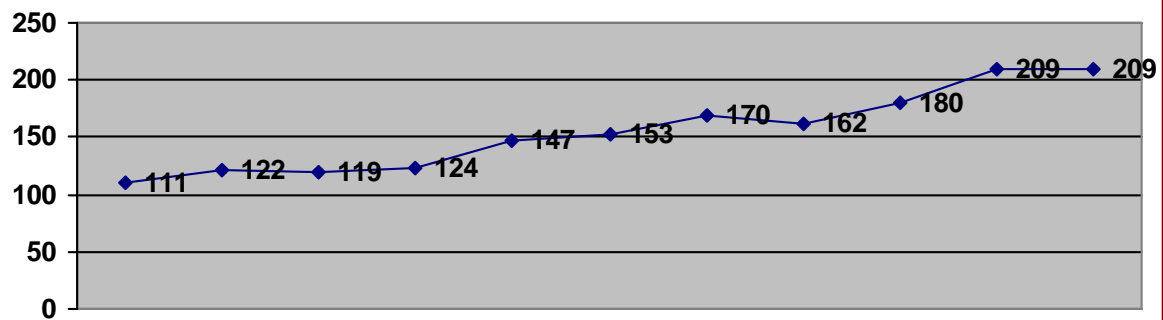
**YRTC-Kearney Total Admissions by Fiscal Year**



**YRTC-Kearney Average Daily Population by Fiscal Year**



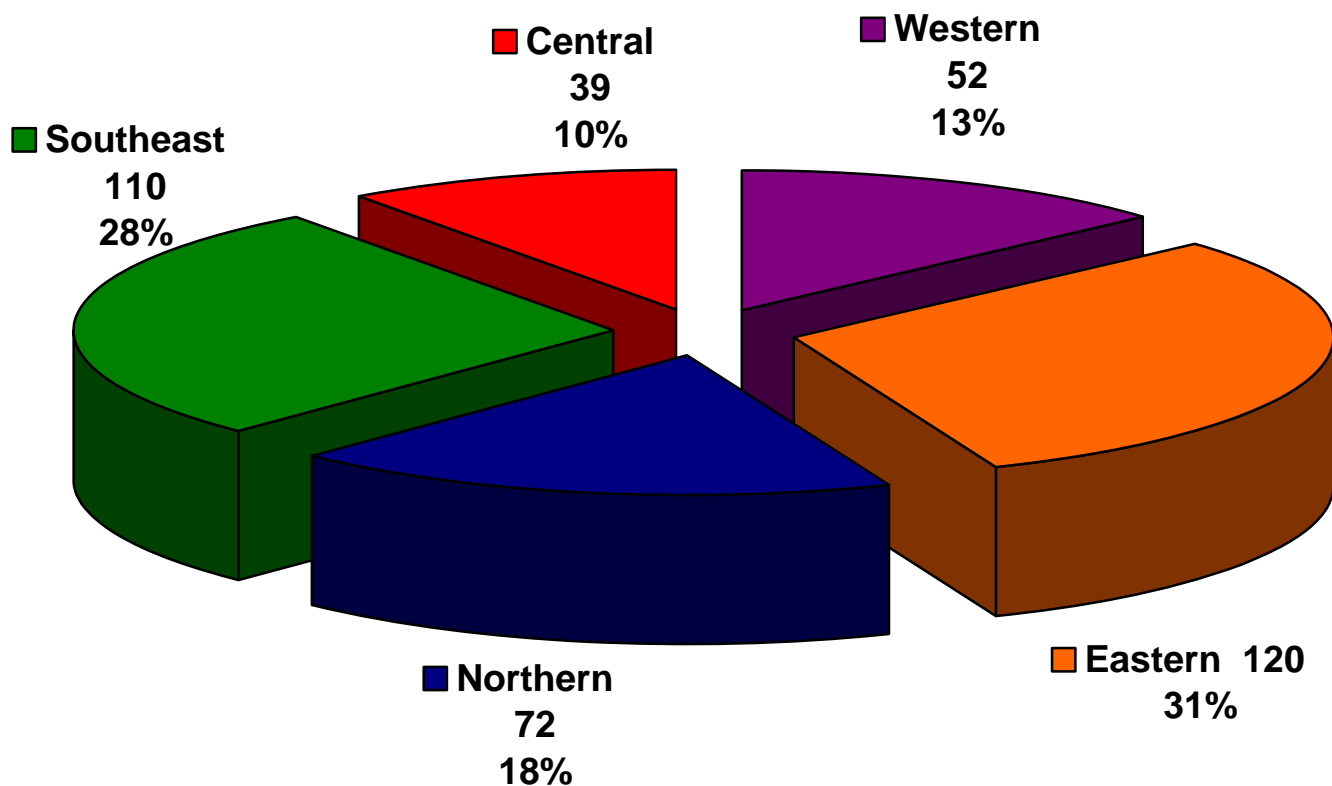
**YRTC-Kearney Average Length of Stay by Fiscal Year**



# 2005/06 Commitments by County

COUNTY	SERVICE AREA	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS	PERCENTAGE
Adams	Central	4	1.02 %
Box Butte	Western	6	1.53 %
Buffalo	Central	9	2.29 %
Burt	Northern	1	0.25 %
Cass	Southeast	3	0.76 %
Cheyenne	Western	1	0.25 %
Colfax	Northern	3	0.76 %
Dakota	Northern	12	3.05 %
Dawes	Western	4	1.02 %
Dawson	Western	5	1.27 %
Deuel	Western	1	0.25 %
Dixon	Northern	4	1.02 %
Dodge	Northern	18	4.58 %
Douglas	Eastern	115	29.26 %
Frontier	Western	1	0.25 %
Gage	Southeast	4	1.02 %
Garden	Northern	1	0.25 %
Hall	Central	23	5.85 %
Hamilton	Central	1	0.25 %
Lancaster	Southeast	86	21.88 %
Lincoln	Western	6	1.53 %
Madison	Northern	21	5.34 %
Morrill	Western	2	0.51 %
Nemaha	Southeast	1	0.25 %
Otoe	Southeast	1	0.25 %
Platte	Northern	4	1.02 %
Red Willow	Western	5	1.27 %
Richardson	Southeast	5	1.27 %
Saline	Southeast	1	0.25 %
Sarpy	Eastern	5	1.27 %
Saunders	Southeast	2	0.51 %
Scotts Bluff	Western	17	4.33 %
Seward	Southeast	1	0.25 %
Sheridan	Western	4	1.02 %
Stanton	Northern	2	0.51 %
Thurston	Northern	1	0.25 %
Valley	Central	1	0.25 %
Washington	Northern	5	1.27 %
Webster	Central	1	0.25 %
York	Southeast	6	1.53 %
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>393</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Commitment Service Areas



Western 52	Eastern 120	Northern 72
Southeast 110	Central 38	

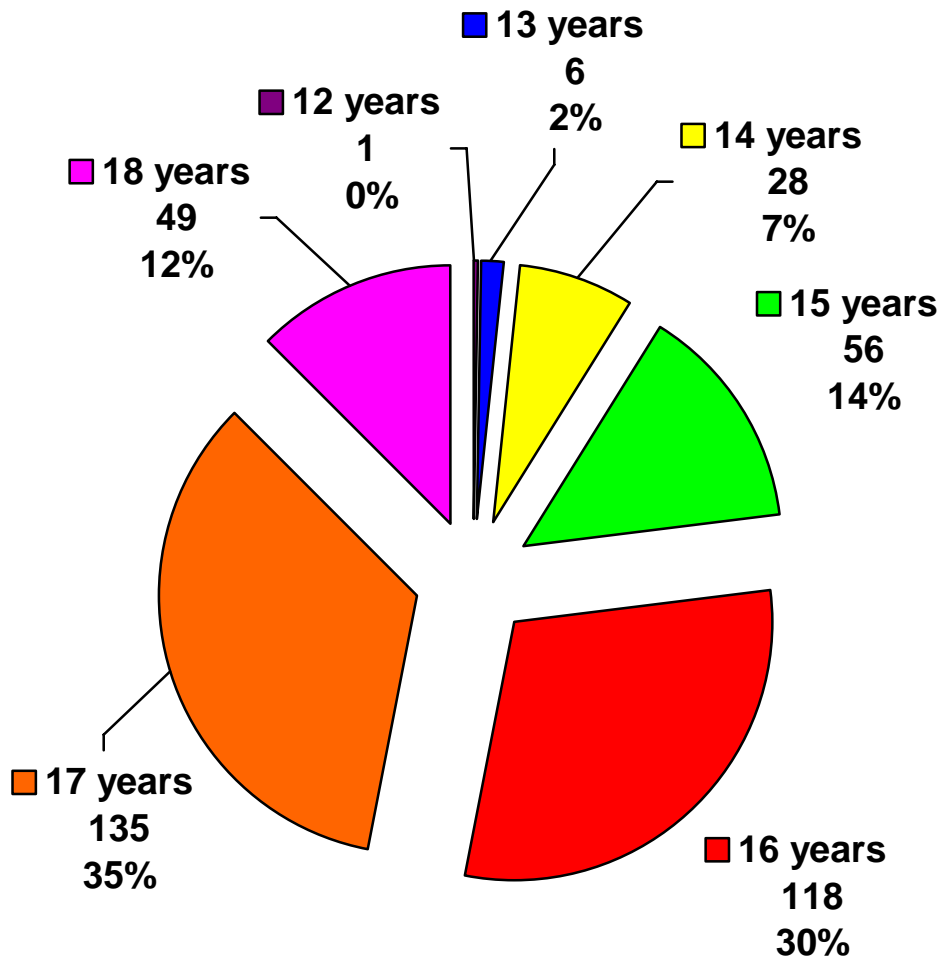
### ***Total Admissions from Fiscal Year 1994/95 to 2004/2005***

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Committed Youth</b>	<b>Parole Violators</b>	<b>Recommitted Youth</b>	<b>Parole Safekeepers</b>	<b>Court Safekeepers</b>	<b>Evaluators</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>95/96</b>	454	131	88	79	17	12	<b>781</b>
<b>96/97</b>	451	134	84	249	22	4	<b>944</b>
<b>97/98</b>	495	160	77	271	20	1	<b>1024</b>
<b>98/99</b>	468	155	86	203	12	0	<b>924</b>
<b>99/00</b>	383	144	73	187	3	0	<b>790</b>
<b>00/01</b>	365	151	51	171	2	0	<b>740</b>
<b>01/02</b>	355	96	45	108	0	0	<b>604</b>
<b>02/03</b>	352	43	61	46	0	0	<b>502</b>
<b>03/04</b>	345	33	54	35	0	0	<b>467</b>
<b>04/05</b>	352	30	37	34	0	0	<b>453</b>
<b>05/06</b>	321	37	35	44	0	0	<b>437</b>

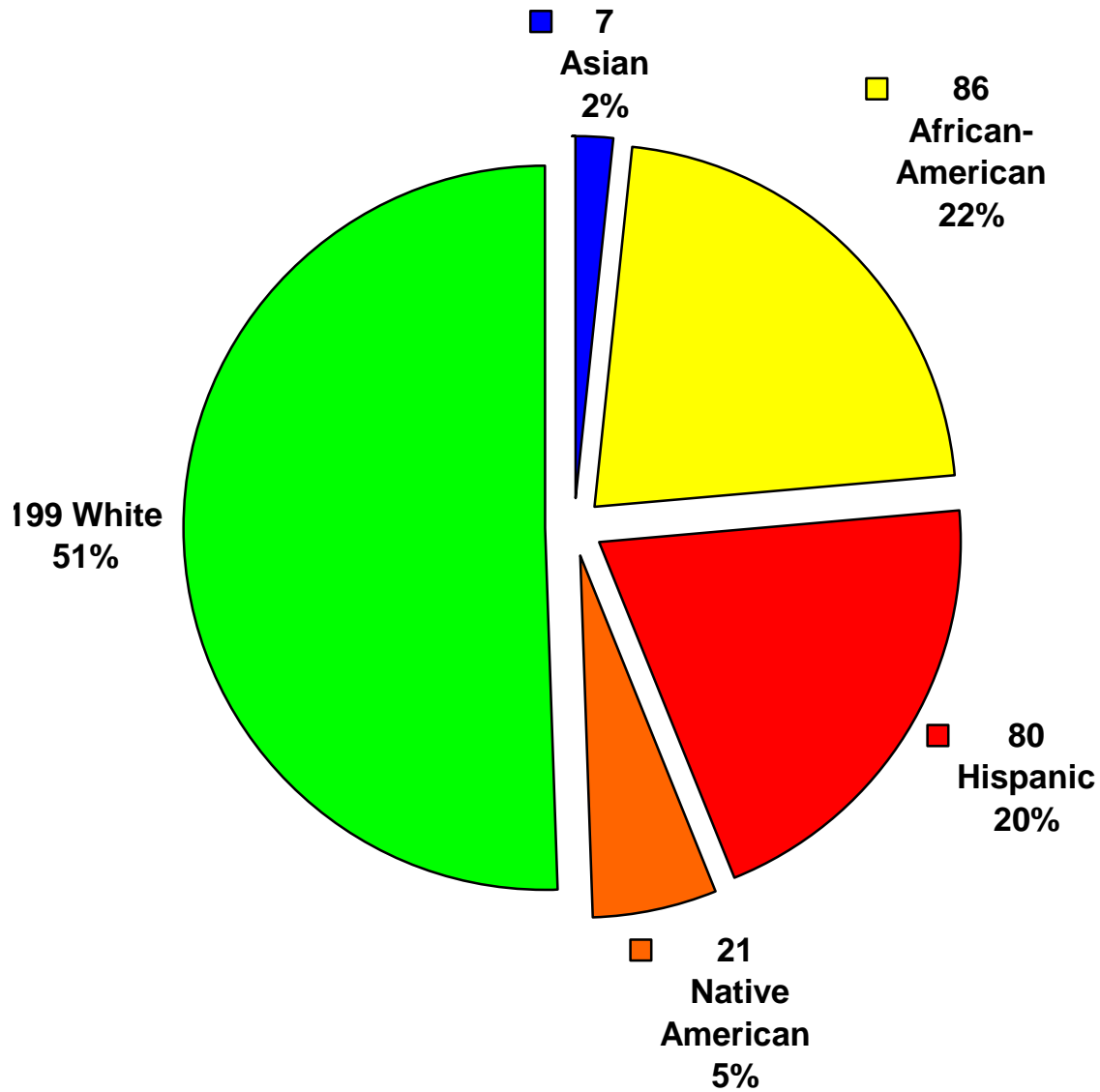
### ***2005/06 Reason for Commitment***

Arson	4
Assault	84
Auto Theft	25
Burglary	43
Concealed Weapon	18
Criminal Mischief	40
Disorderly Conduct	6
Distributing Drugs	4
False Info	9
Forgery	2
Possession of Drugs	59
Probation Violation	20
Resisting Arrest	7
Robbery	8
Sexual Assault	9
Theft	87
Trespass	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>437</b>

## 05/06 YRTC-K Population by Age Group at Time of Reception



## 05/06 Commitments by Race/Ethnicity



7 Asian	86 African-American
80 Hispanic	21 Native American
199 White	

Nebraska Statutes require a youth can only be committed to YRTC-K under the following subdivisions:

**43-247 (1)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act other than a traffic offense which would constitute a ***misdemeanor*** or an infraction under the laws of this state . . .

**43-247 (2)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act which would constitute a ***felony*** under the laws of this state . . .

**43-247 (4)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act which involves a ***motor vehicle*** under the laws of this state . . .

**43-286** – If the juvenile is found by the court to have violated terms of his probation, the court may enter any order of disposition that could have been made at the time the original order of probation was entered.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE DISPLAYS THE TYPE OF COMMITMENTS THE NEBRASKA COURT SYSTEM COMMITTED TO YRTC-K IN 2005/06:

### ***2005/06 Commitment Adjudication***

43-247 (1)	279
43-247 (2)	68
43-247 (1,2)	45
43-247 (1,4)	1
43-286	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>393</b>